# School Climate Survey Middle School and High School Students 

## Instructions on Data Display

These instructions provide an overview of the NJ School Climate Survey Data Display worksheet and serve as a guide for understanding as well as interpreting the survey results. This section provides instructions on how to interpret a set of sample tables which look just like the ones that appear on the actual results tabs.

## Reading the Individual Domain Scores

When you click on a domain tab, such as Physical Environment, the rows will show each of the individual question items from which the domain is constructed, while the columns contain information on the distribution of student responses as well as the overall mean rating. The number in the total respondents' column represents the number of students who answered the item, in the example below it is 99 . Also, all potential response categories are tabulated in terms of both the raw number of students who selected a particular response option and the percentage of the total respondents who answered that way. In the example below, 26 students (or $26.3 \%$ ) strongly disagreed that the length of the school day was about right. You may note that the total sum of the raw scores from all available response categories should add up to the number of total respondents indicated in the table. The summed percentages from each response category should add up to approximately $100.0 \%$. (Minor differences may occur due to rounding.) Additionally, since the response categories have numerical values associated with them a mean for the item can be calculated by summing all the individual responses and dividing by the total number of respondents. In this way, a higher or lower score can relate to either a more positive or negative school climate depending on the wording of the question. In this example, the mean ranges from 1 to 5 , and is calculated as 2.82 , or very close to neutral.

| Question <br> Number | Question Item | Total Respondents | Response Category |  |  |  |  | Mean <br> Rating |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |  |
|  |  |  | Strongly Disagree |  |  |  | Strongly |  |
|  |  |  |  | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | Agree |  |
|  | The length of the school | 99 | 26 | 20 | 18 | 16 | 19 |  |
| 1 a | day is about right |  | 26.3\% | 20.2\% | 18.2\% | 16.2\% | 19.2\% | 2.82 |

## Reading the Overall Domain Score Sheet

The domain scores sheet has been designed to produce a one-page summary of all domain scores, which is easily printed. Each domain is depicted and described in plain language in the domain description column. The domain score represents a value ranging from 0 to 100, which has been tabulated from the survey responses. A higher score represents a healthier, more positive school climate in that domain. In the example below, Physical Environment has been tabulated into a score of 46.9. The domain score distribution is a bar graph that depicts the distribution of individual student answers, grouped into deciles. Thus, if an individual student's survey scores a certain domain as 23 , that student will be placed in the decile group between 20 and 30 . The bar will be higher if more students place within that specified range, or lower if fewer students place within that range. In the example below, about $25 \%$ of students scored Physical Environment in the range between 30 and 40 .


## Precautions when using the Data Display Templates:

1. Use the "print preview" command to see the pages that will print before printing. This file should produce 14 pages of output. The last eight pages, from 7 to 14, are considered your report tables. Each table should be formatted properly for printing. You may want to first print the file as a PDF before printing from this Excel file. The PDF file can then be edited by deleting or adding pages for your report.
2. The template contains hidden formulas and is password protected.

| School Climate Survey - Middle School and High School Students South Amboy Middle High School |  | 2020-21 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | South Amboy Middle High School | DOMAIN: PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT |  |  |  |  |  |
| Question Number | Question Item | Total Respondents | Response Category |  |  |  |  | Mean <br> Rating |
|  |  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |  |
|  |  |  | Strongly |  |  |  | Strongly |  |
|  |  |  | Disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | Agree |  |
| 1a | The length of the school day is about right | 357 | 16 | 9 | 72 | 97 | 163 |  |
|  |  |  | 4.5\% | 2.5\% | 20.2\% | 27.2\% | 45.7\% | 4.07 |
| 1b | I often do not have enough time to get from one class to the next | 356 | 86 | 54 | 114 | 57 | 45 |  |
|  |  |  | 24.2\% | 15.2\% | 32.0\% | 16.0\% | 12.6\% | 2.78 |
| 1c | My school is kept clean | 347 | 16 | 13 | 112 | 100 | 106 |  |
|  |  |  | 4.6\% | 3.7\% | 32.3\% | 28.8\% | 30.5\% | 3.77 |
| 1d | I like my school building | 351 | 29 | 22 | 109 | 87 | 104 |  |
|  |  |  | 8.3\% | 6.3\% | 31.1\% | 24.8\% | 29.6\% | 3.61 |


| School Climate Survey - Middle School and High School Students South Amboy Middle High School |  | 2020-21 <br> DOMAIN: TEACHING AND LEARNING |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Question <br> Number | Question Item | Total Respondents | Response Category |  |  |  |  | Mean <br> Rating |
|  |  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |  |
|  |  |  | Strongly |  |  |  | Strongly |  |
|  |  |  | Disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | Agree |  |
| 3a | My teachers give me a lot of encouragement | 355 | 10 | 26 | 100 | 119 | 100 |  |
|  |  |  | 2.8\% | 7.3\% | 28.2\% | 33.5\% | 28.2\% | 3.77 |
| 3b | My teachers make learning interesting | 356 | 19 | 28 | 120 | 102 | 87 |  |
|  |  |  | 5.3\% | 7.9\% | 33.7\% | 28.7\% | 24.4\% | 3.59 |
| 3c | My teachers encourage students to share their ideas about things we are studying in class | 354 | 8 | 14 | 109 | 119 | 104 |  |
|  |  |  | 2.3\% | 4.0\% | 30.8\% | 33.6\% | 29.4\% | 3.84 |
| 3d | My teachers notice when I am doing a good job and let me know about it | 351 | 13 | 21 | 93 | 114 | 110 |  |
|  |  |  | 3.7\% | 6.0\% | 26.5\% | 32.5\% | 31.3\% | 3.82 |
| 3 e | My teachers will help me improve my work if I do poorly on an assignment | 356 | 10 | 15 | 96 | 119 | 116 |  |
|  |  |  | 2.8\% | 4.2\% | 27.0\% | 33.4\% | 32.6\% | 3.89 |
| 3 f | My teachers provide me with lots of chances to be part of class discussions or activities | 356 | 7 | 9 | 93 | 124 | 123 |  |
|  |  |  | 2.0\% | 2.5\% | 26.1\% | 34.8\% | 34.6\% | 3.97 |
| 3g | My teachers often assign homework that helps me learn | 353 | 29 | 37 | 117 | 88 | 82 |  |
|  |  |  | 8.2\% | 10.5\% | 33.1\% | 24.9\% | 23.2\% | 3.44 |
| 3h | My teachers will give me extra help at school outside of our regular class | 356 | 8 | 6 | 75 | 107 | 160 |  |
|  |  |  | 2.2\% | 1.7\% | 21.1\% | 30.1\% | 44.9\% | 4.14 |
| 5a | Teachers at my school treat students with respect | 351 | 11 | 13 | 97 | 113 | 117 |  |
|  |  |  | 3.1\% | 3.7\% | 27.6\% | 32.2\% | 33.3\% | 3.89 |
| 5k | Adults in this school are usually willing to make the time to give students extra help | 353 | 6 | 18 | 97 | 113 | 119 |  |
|  |  |  | 1.7\% | 5.1\% | 27.5\% | 32.0\% | 33.7\% | 3.91 |
| School Climate Survey - Middle School and High School Students South Amboy Middle High School |  | 2020-21 <br> DOMAIN: TEACHING AND LEARNING |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Question Number | Question Item | Total Respondents |  | Response Category |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | Some- |  | Almost | Mean |
|  |  |  | Never | Seldom | times | Often | Always | Rating |
| 7c | Thinking back over the past year in school, how often did you feel that the school work you were assigned was meaningful and important? | 356 | 42 | 53 | 133 | 72 | 56 |  |
|  |  |  | 11.8\% | 14.9\% | 37.4\% | 20.2\% | 15.7\% | 3.13 |


| School Climate Survey - Middle School and High School Students South Amboy Middle High School |  | 2020-21 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | DOMAIN: MORALE IN THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Total <br> Respondents | Response Category |  |  |  |  | Mean <br> Rating |
|  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |  |
| Question |  |  |  |  | Some- |  | Almost |  |
| Number | Question Item |  | Never | Seldom | times | Often | Always |  |
| 7a | Thinking back over the past year in school, how often did you enjoy being in school? |  | 356 | 42 | 57 | 116 | 78 | 63 |  |
|  |  | 11.8\% |  | 16.0\% | 32.6\% | 21.9\% | 17.7\% | 3.18 |
| 7b | Thinking back over the past year in school, how often did you hate being in school? | 354 | 44 | 61 | 121 | 82 | 46 |  |
|  |  |  | 12.4\% | 17.2\% | 34.2\% | 23.2\% | 13.0\% | 3.07 |
| School Climate Survey - Middle School and High School Students |  | 2020-21 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| South Amboy Middle High School |  | DOMAIN: MORALE IN THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Total Respondents | Response Category |  |  |  |  | Mean <br> Rating |
|  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |  |
| Question |  |  | Strongly |  |  |  | Strongly |  |
| Number | Question Item |  | Disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | Agree |  |
| 8a | Students have lots of chances in my school to get involved in sports, clubs, and other school activities outside of class |  | 355 | 9 | 24 | 107 | 95 | 120 |  |
|  |  | 2.5\% |  | 6.8\% | 30.1\% | 26.8\% | 33.8\% | 3.83 |
| 8b | I have opportunities to express myself at school | 352 | 19 | 26 | 131 | 98 | 78 |  |
|  |  |  | 5.4\% | 7.4\% | 37.2\% | 27.8\% | 22.2\% | 3.54 |
| 8c | Students help decide what goes on in my school | 353 | 27 | 38 | 137 | 80 | 71 |  |
|  |  |  | 7.6\% | 10.8\% | 38.8\% | 22.7\% | 20.1\% | 3.37 |
| 8d | I wish I went to a different school | 352 | 91 | 58 | 103 | 47 | 53 |  |
|  |  |  | 25.9\% | 16.5\% | 29.3\% | 13.4\% | 15.1\% | 2.75 |
| 8 e | In my school, students have lots of chances to help decide things, like activities and rules | 355 | 22 | 38 | 142 | 86 | 67 |  |
|  |  |  | 6.2\% | 10.7\% | 40.0\% | 24.2\% | 18.9\% | 3.39 |
| 8 f | I feel like I belong at this school | 353 | 38 | 30 | 132 | 82 | 71 |  |
|  |  |  | 10.8\% | 8.5\% | 37.4\% | 23.2\% | 20.1\% | 3.33 |
| 8g | Teachers and other adults here listen to students' ideas about the school | 353 | 17 | 37 | 112 | 112 | 75 |  |
|  |  |  | 4.8\% | 10.5\% | 31.7\% | 31.7\% | 21.2\% | 3.54 |


| School Climate Survey - Middle School and High School Students South Amboy Middle High School |  | 2020-21 <br> DOMAIN: STUDENT RELATIONSHIPS |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Question <br> Number | Question Item | Total Respondents | 1 <br> Strongly <br> Disagree | Response Category |  |  | 5 <br> Strongly <br> Agree | Mean <br> Rating |
|  |  |  |  | 2 | 3 | 4 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | Disagree | Neutral | Agree |  |  |
| 5b | Students in my school treat each other with respect | 350 | 15 | 23 | 129 | 111 | 72 |  |
|  |  |  | 4.3\% | 6.6\% | 36.9\% | 31.7\% | 20.6\% | 3.58 |
| $5 f$ | Students at this school are often bullied | 352 | 112 | 87 | 95 | 28 | 30 |  |
|  |  |  | 31.8\% | 24.7\% | 27.0\% | 8.0\% | 8.5\% | 2.37 |
| 5g | Students at this school are often teased or picked on | 351 | 88 | 87 | 107 | 38 | 31 |  |
|  |  |  | 25.1\% | 24.8\% | 30.5\% | 10.8\% | 8.8\% | 2.54 |
| 5h | Harassment, intimidation, and bullying by other students are a problem at my school | 354 | 127 | 66 | 92 | 37 | 32 |  |
|  |  |  | 35.9\% | 18.6\% | 26.0\% | 10.5\% | 9.0\% | 2.38 |

School Climate Survey - Middle School and High School Students
South Amboy Middle High School

## Question

Number Question Item

| 8 h | My family wants me to do well in school |
| :--- | :--- |
| 8 i | My parents ask if I've gotten my homework done <br> $8 j$ |
| My parents would punish me if they found out I skipped school |  |

2020-21
DOMAIN: PARENTAL SUPPORT

| Total Respondents | Response Category |  |  |  |  | Mean Rating |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |  |
|  | Strongly <br> Disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | Strongly Agree |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 354 | 6 | 0 | 49 | 40 | 259 |  |
|  | 1.7\% | 0.0\% | 13.8\% | 11.3\% | 73.2\% | 4.54 |
| 353 | 14 | 11 | 55 | 73 | 200 |  |
|  | 4.0\% | 3.1\% | 15.6\% | 20.7\% | 56.7\% | 4.23 |
| 354 | 13 | 8 | 67 | 54 | 212 |  |
|  | 3.7\% | 2.3\% | 18.9\% | 15.3\% | 59.9\% | 4.25 |





