School Climate Survey

Purpose of School Climate Survey

Students are asked annually to respond to a student survey to gather important information about youth health-risk factors and students’ experiences at school. For 2012 the district redesigned the survey, now called the School Climate Survey, to better serve Fresno Unified students and their families and provide more actionable information. For example, the survey now asks specific questions about how engaged students are in school. The survey also includes questions about campus safety, drug and alcohol use, and whether school is preparing them for a career. Students answer the questions anonymously.

Areas addressed in the student survey

Along with demographic information, the survey asks about 60 questions in the general areas of:
- Bullying
- Safety
- Expectations and relationships
- Career preparation
- Student engagement
- Overall school satisfaction
- District Goal No. 2 that “All students will engage in arts, activities and athletics.”

Why is the survey important?

The Fresno Unified School District values the opinions of its students and is interested in hearing from them. The survey supports various program evaluations and serves as an accountability measure for district goals on school safety and student engagement.

At-a-Glance

The student survey
- Administered in February
- Two slightly different surveys are administered — one for grades 4-6 and one for grades 7-12
- Voluntary (elementary students must have parental consent and middle and high school students take the survey unless their parents ask that they be exempt)
- Anonymous
- 60 questions for elementary students and 65 for middle and high school
- Most school districts throughout California use a similar survey

Importance
- The survey serves as an accountability measure for the district in the areas of safety and student engagement
- The district uses the information to enhance educational opportunities for students.

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