ED School Climate Surveys

School Climate: What is it?

- **Reflects how members of the school community experience a school**

- **Includes factors that serve as conditions for learning**

- **Fosters social, physical, and emotional safety**

- **Provides support that enables students and staff to realize high behavioral and academic standards**

- **Encourages and maintains respectful, trusting, and caring relationships throughout the school community.**

Safe Support Schools/EDSCLS Model

Domain: Engagement

Topics:
- Cultural and linguistic competence
- Relationships
- School participation

Domain: Safety

Topics:
- Emotional safety
- Physical safety
- Bullying/cyberbullying
- Substance abuse
- Emergency readiness/management

Domain: Environment

Topics:
- Physical environment
- Instructional environment
- Physical health
- Mental health
- Discipline

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- **ED's new school climate resources include :**

  - **Online school climate survey portal**—the ED School Climate Surveys (EDSCLS) that includes survey download and data reporting features

  - Web-based **School Climate Improvement Resource Package** to enable school climate survey use, data analysis, stakeholder engagement, and implementation of local school climate improvement processes

  - **ED Press Release**: http://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/department-education-releases-resources-improving-school-climate

Background

- **In early 2013, ED announced that a high priority would be placed on efforts to help the nation's schools "create safer and more nurturing school climates."**

- **ED's Office of Safe and Healthy Students provided funds to NCES to develop a school climate measurement platform available to schools, school districts and states which will provide valid and reliable measures of school climate.**

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EDSCLS Respondents

- **Middle grade (5-8) students**

- **High school students**

- **Parents / Guardians**

- **Teachers**

- **Non-instructional staff (including principals)**

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Administering EDSCLS

- **Can be administered at school, district, or state level.**

- **Allows for the local storage of data, accessible only to authorized users.**

- **Multiple surveys (i.e., students, instructional staff, non-instructional staff, and parents/guardians) can be open at the same time**

- **During data collection, administrators can see how many respondents have finished the survey using the "survey status reports" feature.**

EDUCATION AGENCY

Edit information about your education agency and survey administrator.

Edit

DATA COLLECTION

Create, edit, and delete data collections.

Edit

RESPONDENT USERNAMES

Generate, export, and disseminate respondent usernames for data collections that have not closed yet. Exporting usernames, importing respondent e-mail addresses, and disseminating usernames via e-mail are optional features.

DATA COLLECTION ⟳	STATUS	GENERATED	EXPORTED	DISSEMINATED
02/17/2015-02/27/2015:Students	Started	✓	✗	✗
02/17/2015-02/27/2015:Teachers/Instructional Staff	Started	✓	✗	✗

| Generate | Export | Disseminate › |

REPORTS

Produce real-time survey status reports and survey results reports immediately after each data collection.

Survey Status Reports ›

Survey Results Reports ›

SURVEY RESULTS

Export and import survey results immediately after each data collection.

Export

Import

User-generated Questions

SCHOOL CLIMATE SURVEY

LOG OUT

NEW SURVEY ITEM

| SURVEY ITEM	ANSWER OPTIONS	RESPONDENT GROUP
Adults working at this school treat all students respectfully.	Strongly Agree / Agree / Disagree / Strongly Disagree +	Parents
Staff at this school give students opportunities to get involved in service projects or activities.	Strongly Agree / Agree / Disagree / Strongly Disagree +	Non-instructional Staff

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Web-based Survey Administration
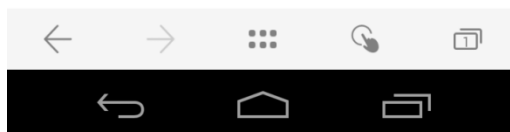
EDSCLS Reporting

- **Includes reporting tool for providing**
  - item-level frequencies
  - domain-level scores and topic-level sub-scores.

- **Reporting tool can compare scores by school, grade level, race, and gender.**

- **Scores can be compared to national benchmarks.**

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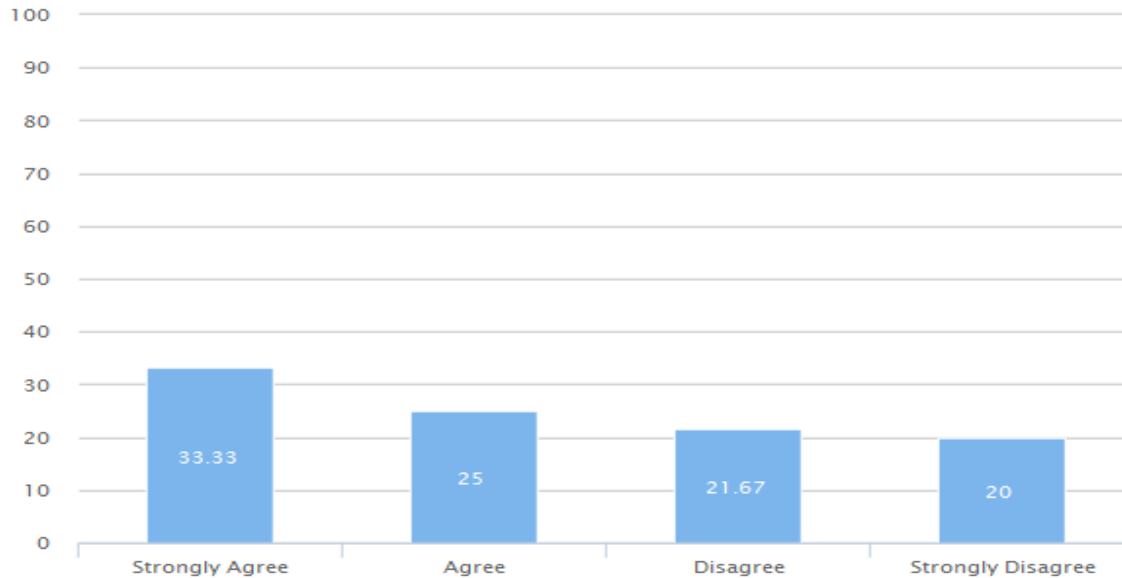Cultural and Linguistic Competence

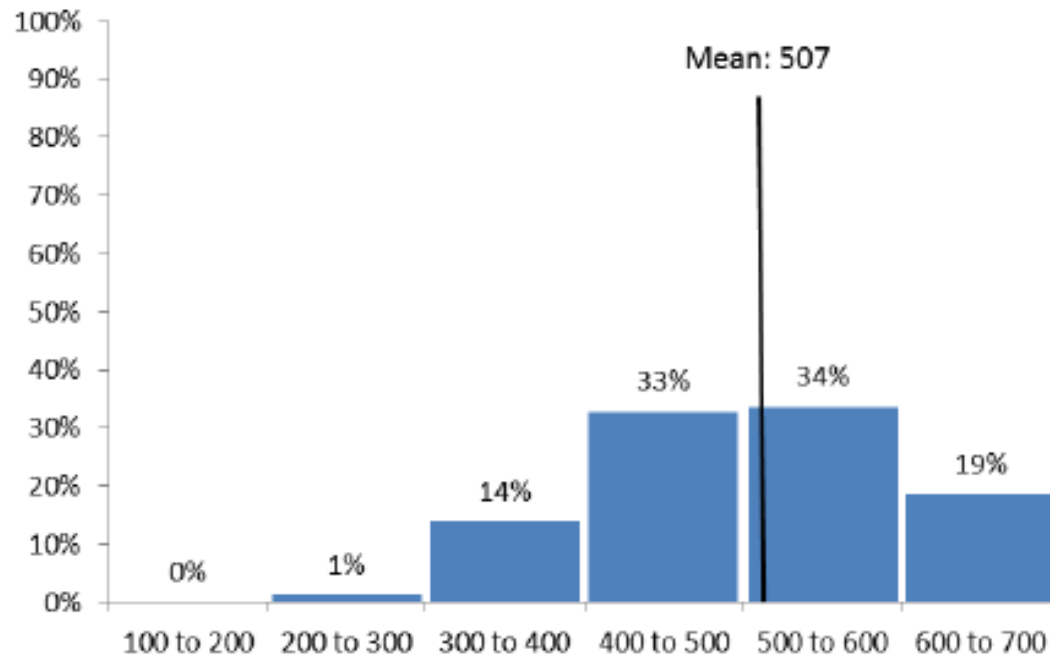| SURVEY ITEM	PERCENT				
	STRONGLY AGREE (4)	AGREE (3)	DISAGREE (2)	STRONGLY DISAGREE (1)	MEAN
All students are treated the same, regardless of whether their parents are rich or poor.	33.33	25	21.67	20	2.72

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Figure 2. Percentage distribution and mean of discipline scale score distribution: Spring 2015

Mean: 507

Range	Percentage
100 to 200	0%
200 to 300	1%
300 to 400	14%
400 to 500	33%
500 to 600	34%
600 to 700	19%

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SUBGROUP SCALE SCORE REPORTING
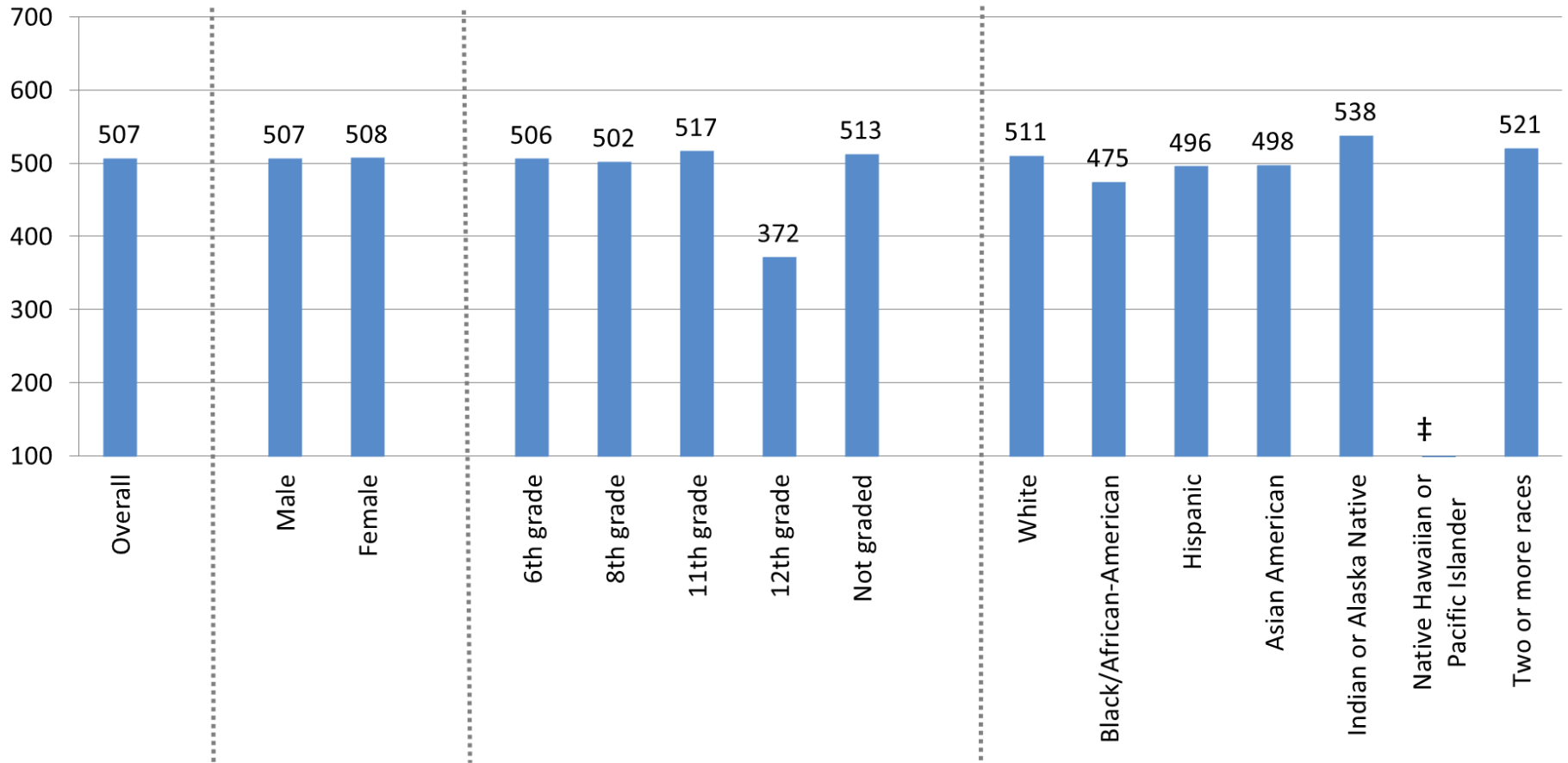
Category	Score
Overall	507
Male	507
Female	508
6th grade	506
8th grade	502
11th grade	517
12th grade	372
Not graded	513
White	511
Black/African-American	475
Hispanic	496
Asian American	498
Indian or Alaska Native	538
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	‡
Two or more races	521

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School Climate Improvement Resource Package

School Climate Improvement Resource Package (SCIRP)

- **ED's National Center for Safe Supportive Learning Environments (NCSSLE) is developing a suite of resources to help school district and school leaders analyze and understand local school climate survey data, as well as practical advice and information to support the implementation and sustainability of local school climate improvement efforts.**

- **The first installment of these resources is the Quick Guide on Making School Climate Improvements.**
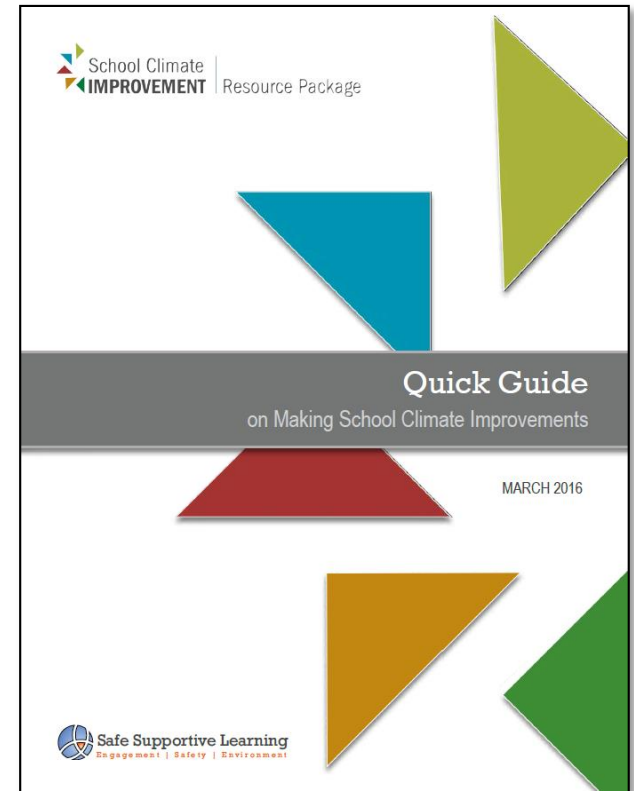
Goals of the SCIRP

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1	Support states, districts, and schools in improving school climate via 5 sets of overarching activities
2	Help interpret the EDSCLS data
3	Provide strategies, resources and examples
4	Online access to a range of resources that can help a variety of schools and districts

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What Informed the SCIRP?

- **Latest research**

- **Grantees that have used school climate survey data to make improvements**
  - Range of approaches they took
  - Lessons learned
  - Successes

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The School Climate Improvement Process

Contents of the SCIRP
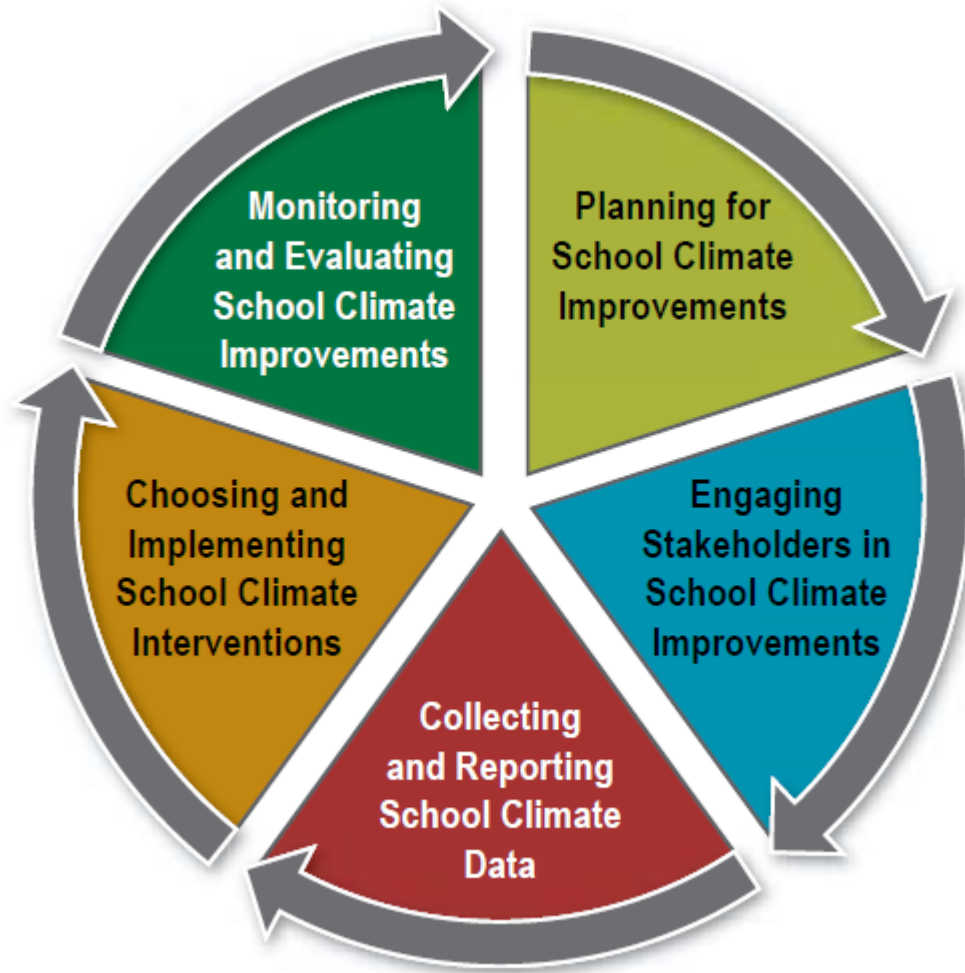
1	Quick Guide, released March 2016
2	Reference Manual
3	Action Guides for a Range of Stakeholders
4	Data Interpretation Guides
5	Online Modules
6	Customized List of SCIRP Items Based on an Assessment
7	Pointers for Improving School Climate Based on an Assessment

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Questions?