

Are you promoting a safe and supportive learning environment?

How connected are students to your school?

Are students held to high academic standards and provided with the supports necessary to succeed?

Are school rules clearly communicated and fairly enforced?

What are your barriers to learning?

To what extent are substance use, violence, and truancy perceived as problems and how sufficient are your prevention efforts?

- Are you creating a school that...**
- ✓ promotes attendance and academic achievement?
 - ✓ meets fundamental youth needs?
 - ✓ involves parents?
 - ✓ builds community partnerships?
 - ✓ is ready to respond to crises?

Find answers with the HKS School Climate Survey—An important new data tool to guide school improvement efforts!

What is the Healthy Kids School Climate Survey?

- ❑ A **short, online** companion questionnaire to the Healthy Kids Survey (HKS) student survey that enables you to compare staff and student perceptions related to the school environment.
- ❑ A **quick and efficient** means to obtain completely *anonymous* information from staff about *key school-climate factors* that relate to academic achievement and safety, learning supports and school connectedness, and fundamental barriers to learning.
- ❑ A **flexible data collection system** that you can customize with additional questions to obtain other staff information you need.
- ❑ A means to meet the *No Child Left Behind* teacher survey requirement.

What staff perceptions does the survey measure?

- ❑ Whether the school is an inviting and supportive learning environment with high standards for academic success.
 - Are students well-prepared, able, and motivated to learn.
- ❑ How connected are students to the school.
 - Do staff have caring relations with students, have high expectations, and provide them with opportunities for meaningful participation.
- ❑ Whether the school is a supportive, respectful place to work where staff feel responsibility for improving the school.
- ❑ The adverse impact on the school of discipline problems and such student behaviors as substance use, truancy, gang membership, and violence and harassment directed at staff and students.
 - Staff and student safety.
- ❑ The nature and enforcement of school rules and policies.
 - How well rules and their consequences are communicated.
 - How fairly they are enforced.
 - How severely and uniformly violations are punished.
- ❑ Equity and ethnic/racial conflict
- ❑ The scope of health, counseling, prevention, and youth development programs
- ❑ Parent involvement and school-community collaboration

Why should you conduct this survey?

- ❑ It efficiently and cost-effectively helps meet basic school-improvement data needs.
- ❑ *No Child Left Behind* requires schools receiving federal Safe and Drug Free Schools and Community funds to conduct an anonymous teacher survey about student drug use, violence, and truancy.