

TSU School Based Law Enforcement Study

Spring 2019 Results

Goodnight Middle School

In Spring 2018 and Spring 2019, 25 schools in Comal ISD, Dripping Springs ISD, Hays CISD, Lockhart ISD, San Marcos CISD, and Wimberly ISD participated in the School Climate and Safety Survey. The survey data collection is part of a larger study that will assess the impact of a research-based framework for school-based law enforcement. The study tracks the school experiences of a cohort of students who entered 6th, 9th, and 10th grades during the 2017-2018 school year. A third and final student survey will be conducted again in Spring 2020. For more information on the study, please contact Brenda Scheuermann, brenda@txstate.edu. This report includes a summary of the results of the 2018 and 2019 surveys conducted at your school.

Below is a summary of the results of the survey conducted at your school in Spring 2019 with comparison data from Spring 2018.

2018 data represents students in 6th, 9th, and 10th grades. 2019 data represents students in 7th, 10th, and 11th grades.

Bullying and Victimization

Students were asked to respond to twelve survey items regarding the frequency of their experiences with bullying and harassment at school, including six items regarding types of bullying and harassment and six survey items regarding reasons for bullying and harassment. Students responded according to a five-point scale, "0 times" to "4 or more times".

During the past 12 months, how many times on school property have you....	0 Times		1 Time		2 Times		3 Times		4 or More Times	
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
...been pushed, shoved, or slapped?	48.73%	52.42%	19.27%	20.70%	12.73%	6.17%	4.36%	1.76%	14.91%	18.94%
...been afraid of being beaten up?	73.33%	80.97%	12.59%	9.73%	5.19%	4.87%	2.22%	1.33%	6.67%	3.10%
...had mean rumors or lies spread about you?	47.81%	52.42%	26.64%	16.74%	10.22%	12.78%	3.28%	7.05%	12.04%	11.01%
...had sexual jokes, comments, or gestures made at you?	74.82%	74.45%	9.85%	8.37%	2.55%	7.93%	4.38%	1.76%	8.39%	7.49%
...had been made fun of because of your looks or the way you talk?	55.27%	60.62%	18.91%	15.93%	8.36%	8.41%	5.82%	3.10%	11.64%	11.95%
...had your property stolen or deliberately damaged?	68.01%	68.72%	15.07%	16.30%	7.35%	8.37%	5.15%	2.64%	4.41%	3.96%

During the past 12 months, how many times on school property have you been harassed or bullied for any of the following reasons?	0 Times		1 Time		2 Times		3 Times		4 or More Times	
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
Your gender (being male or female)	92.59%	95.15%	2.59%	1.32%	1.85%	1.76%	0.00%	0.44%	2.96%	1.32%
Your race, ethnicity, or national origin	84.44%	84.58%	5.93%	7.93%	4.44%	1.76%	1.11%	0.88%	4.07%	4.85%
Your religion	95.54%	94.67%	2.97%	1.33%	0.74%	1.33%	0.00%	0.89%	0.74%	1.78%
Because you are gay or lesbian or someone thought you were	80.22%	87.61%	10.45%	3.98%	1.49%	1.77%	2.24%	0.88%	5.60%	5.75%
A physical or mental disability	92.88%	92.95%	3.00%	2.64%	1.12%	1.76%	0.37%	0.44%	2.62%	2.20%
Any other reason	76.30%	80.89%	8.15%	5.33%	5.93%	4.00%	2.96%	3.56%	6.67%	6.22%

During the past 12 months, how many times did other students....	0 Times		1 Time		2 Times		3 Times		4 or More Times	
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
...spread mean rumors or lies about you on the internet (i.e., Facebook™, Instagram™, Snapchat™, email, instant message)?	79.93%	79.20%	10.04%	9.73%	4.46%	7.52%	0.74%	1.33%	4.83%	2.21%

The total number of responses per question (N) can be found in Appendix A

DELINQUENCY

Students were asked to respond to seven survey items regarding the frequency of their experiences and observations of violence, property damage, and illegal activity on school property. Students responded according to a five-point scale, "0 times" to "4 or more times".

In the past 12 months on school property, have you...	0 Times		1 Time		2 Times		3 Times		4 or More Times	
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
...been in a physical fight?	79.20%	81.50%	12.41%	11.45%	5.47%	3.52%	1.46%	2.20%	1.46%	1.32%
...been offered, sold, or given illegal drugs?	96.32%	90.31%	2.57%	3.08%	0.74%	1.76%	0.00%	1.32%	0.37%	3.52%
...damaged school property on purpose?	88.97%	88.55%	9.56%	6.61%	0.74%	1.76%	0.37%	2.20%	0.37%	0.88%
...carried a gun?	99.27%	98.68%	0.73%	0.44%	0.00%	0.44%	0.00%	0.44%	0.00%	0.00%
...carried any other weapon?	97.79%	96.92%	1.84%	2.20%	0.00%	0.44%	0.37%	0.44%	0.00%	0.00%
...been threatened or injured with a weapon?	91.61%	93.78%	5.11%	4.00%	1.82%	0.44%	0.36%	0.89%	1.09%	0.89%
...seen someone carrying a gun, knife, or other weapon?	85.71%	80.62%	10.99%	11.45%	2.20%	4.85%	0.73%	0.88%	0.37%	2.20%

CARING ADULT-STUDENT RELATIONSHIPS

Students were asked to respond to six survey items regarding the presence of students' relationships with teachers and other caring adults at school. Students responded according to a four-point scale, "Not at all true" to "Very true".

At my school, there is a teacher or some other adult who...	Not at all true		A little true		Pretty much true		Very true	
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
...really cares about me.	7.43%	8.56%	28.25%	29.28%	25.28%	33.78%	39.03%	28.38%
...tells me when I do a good job.	3.68%	6.79%	14.71%	14.03%	35.66%	36.65%	45.96%	42.53%
...notices when I am not there.	8.09%	13.12%	22.79%	22.17%	27.57%	28.96%	41.54%	35.75%
...always wants me to do my best.	2.21%	6.31%	7.35%	7.21%	20.22%	19.37%	70.22%	67.12%
...listens to me when I have something to say.	8.82%	10.81%	25.37%	22.97%	26.84%	29.73%	38.97%	36.49%
...believes that I will be a success.	3.70%	7.21%	10.37%	10.36%	24.07%	25.23%	61.85%	57.21%

RULE CLARITY

Students were asked to respond to three survey items regarding their perceptions about the clarity of school rules. Students responded according to a four-point scale, “Strongly disagree” to “Strongly agree”.

	Strongly disagree		Disagree		Agree		Strongly Agree	
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
Rules in this school are made clear to students.	4.44%	13.12%	17.41%	14.93%	55.19%	41.63%	22.96%	30.32%
This school makes it clear how students are supposed to act.	3.72%	10.41%	8.55%	8.60%	47.58%	43.44%	40.15%	37.56%
This school clearly informs students what would happen if they break school rules.	3.72%	6.85%	8.55%	6.85%	47.58%	35.16%	40.15%	51.14%

SCHOOL BONDING

Students were asked to respond to eight survey items regarding their perceptions of belonging and inclusion at school. Students responded according to a five-point scale, "Not at all true" to "Completely true".

	Not at all true		A little true		Somewhat true		Mostly true		Completely true	
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
People here notice when I'm good at something.	8.82%	9.50%	18.75%	19.00%	26.47%	23.08%	25.37%	26.24%	20.59%	22.17%
It is hard for people like me to be accepted here.	58.58%	61.71%	16.42%	15.32%	11.57%	9.91%	7.84%	6.31%	5.60%	6.76%
Other students in this school take my opinions seriously.	21.93%	22.07%	30.86%	24.32%	23.79%	28.38%	14.50%	18.02%	8.92%	7.21%
Sometimes I don't feel as if I belong here.	58.15%	61.54%	12.96%	14.93%	11.11%	7.69%	9.26%	7.69%	8.52%	8.14%
I am included in lots of activities at this school.	16.67%	21.17%	20.37%	13.51%	24.07%	24.77%	17.78%	22.07%	21.11%	18.47%
I can really be myself at this school.	14.76%	12.73%	17.34%	16.82%	17.34%	21.36%	21.40%	22.27%	29.15%	26.82%
I wish I were in a different school.	71.22%	61.99%	15.50%	17.65%	5.17%	8.60%	4.06%	4.07%	4.06%	7.69%
Other students here like me the way I am.	6.67%	10.45%	15.19%	15.00%	17.04%	16.82%	25.93%	23.64%	35.19%	34.09%

CONNECTEDNESS AND SAFETY

Students were asked to respond to six survey items regarding their perceptions of connectedness and safety at school. Students responded to five of the survey items according to a five-point scale, "Strongly disagree" to "Strongly agree". The sixth survey item used a different five-point scale, "Very unsafe" to "Very safe".

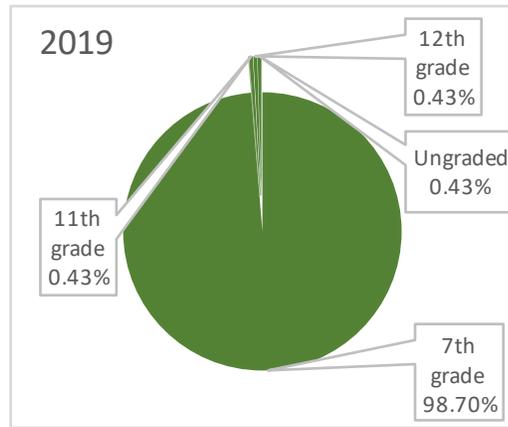
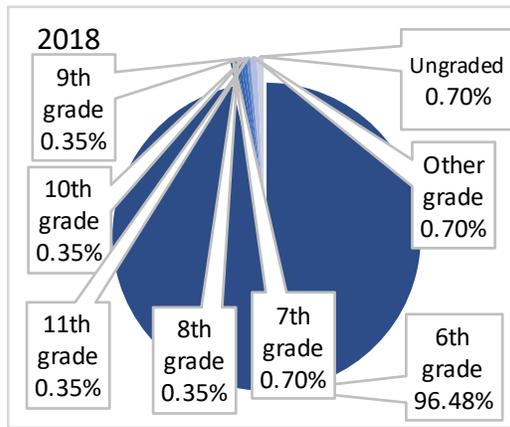
	Strongly disagree		Disagree		Neither agree nor disagree		Agree		Strongly agree	
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
I feel close to people at this school.	4.78%	7.24%	2.94%	4.98%	17.28%	19.46%	40.81%	34.84%	34.19%	33.48%
I am happy to be at this school.	3.68%	8.64%	1.47%	5.00%	20.22%	20.91%	29.78%	30.91%	44.85%	34.55%
I feel like I am part of this school.	3.72%	8.14%	4.83%	7.69%	22.30%	21.72%	34.57%	35.29%	34.57%	27.15%
The teachers at my school treat students fairly.	6.25%	12.16%	7.72%	9.46%	18.75%	28.38%	36.40%	27.93%	30.88%	22.07%
I feel safe in my school.	3.31%	7.66%	5.51%	8.11%	20.22%	24.32%	35.29%	28.83%	35.66%	31.08%

	Very safe		Safe		Neither safe nor unsafe		Unsafe		Very unsafe	
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
How safe do you feel when you are at school?	29.00%	25.23%	43.87%	42.79%	22.30%	24.77%	3.35%	4.95%	1.49%	2.25%

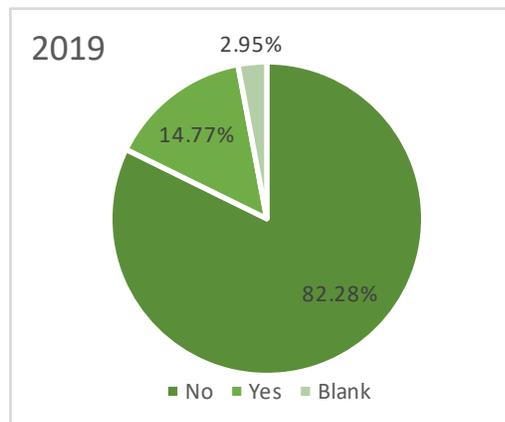
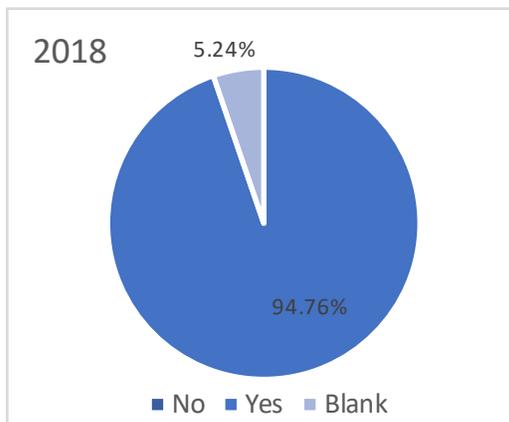
Student Demographics

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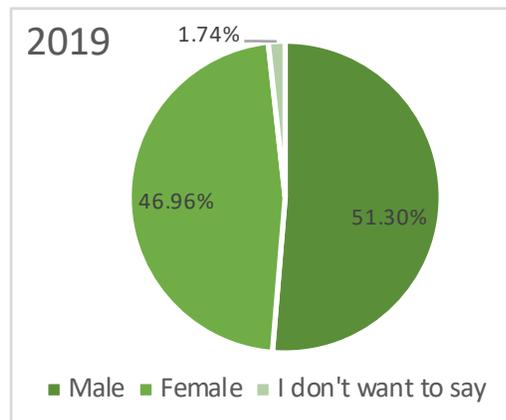
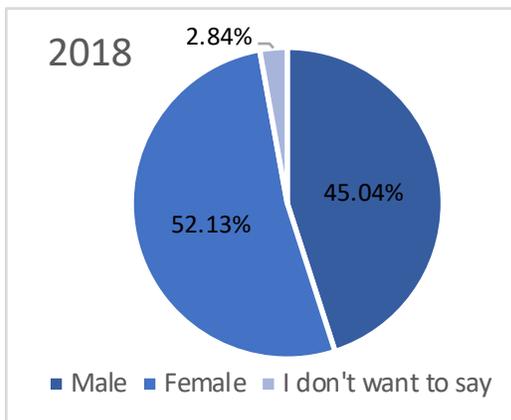
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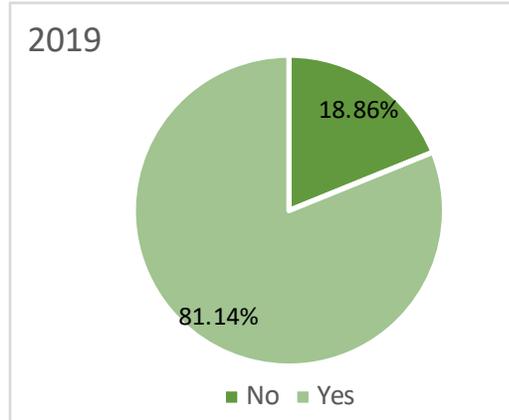
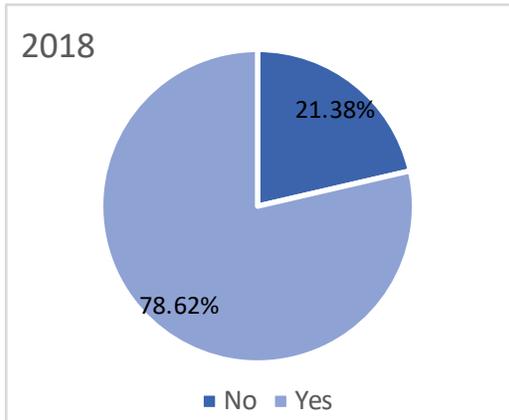
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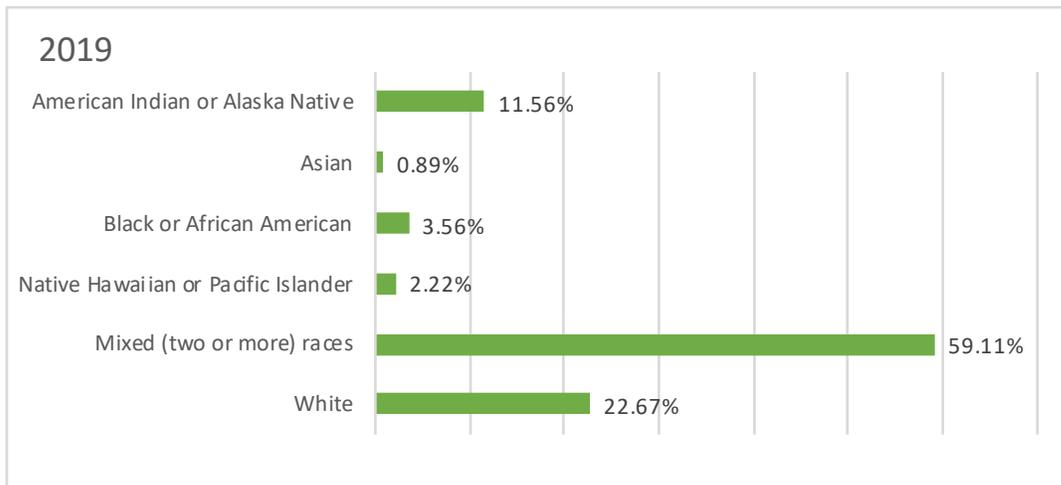
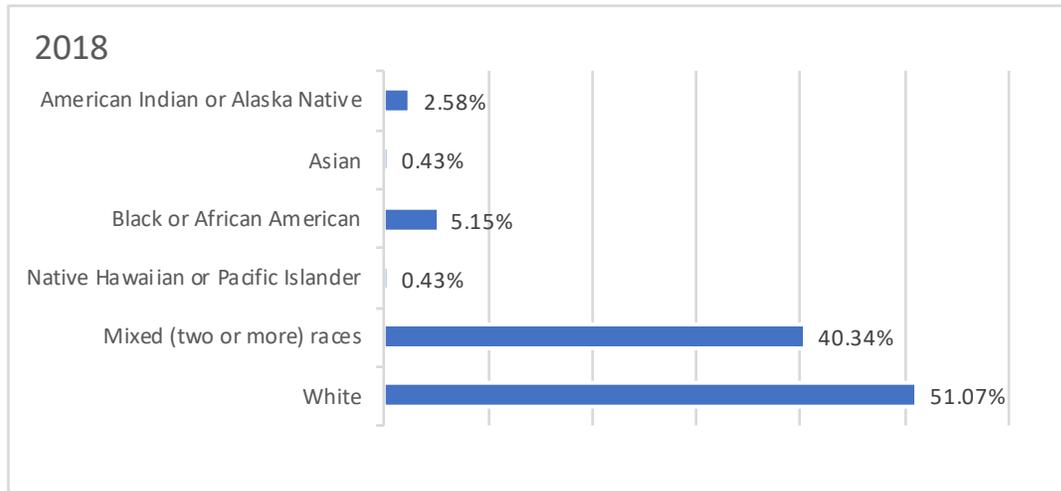
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Hispanic or Latino Origin



Race



Appendix A

N responses per question

During the past 12 months, how many times on school property have you....		
	N (2018)	N (2019)
...been pushed, shoved, or slapped?	275	227
...been afraid of being beaten up?	270	226
...had mean rumors or lies spread about you?	274	227
...had sexual jokes, comments, or gestures made at you?	274	227
...had been made fun of because of your looks or the way you talk?	275	226
...had your property stolen or deliberately damaged?	272	227

During the past 12 months, how many times on school property have you been harassed or bullied for any of the following reasons?		
	N (2018)	N (2019)
Your gender (being male or female)	270	227
Your race, ethnicity, or national origin	270	227
Your religion	269	225
Because you are gay or lesbian or someone thought you were	268	226
A physical or mental disability	267	227
Any other reason	270	225

During the past 12 months, how many times did other students...		
	N (2018)	N (2019)
...spread mean rumors or lies about you on the internet (i.e., Facebook™, Instagram™, Snapchat™, email, instant message)?	269	226

During the past 12 months, how many times on school property have you....		
	N (2018)	N (2019)
...been in a physical fight?	274	227
...been offered, sold, or given illegal drugs?	272	227
...damaged school property on purpose?	272	227
...carried a gun?	273	227
...carried any other weapon?	272	227
...been threatened or injured with a weapon?	274	225
...seen someone carrying a gun, knife, or other weapon?	273	227

At my school, there is a teacher or some other adult who...		
	N (2018)	N (2019)
...really cares about me.	269	222
...tells me when I do a good job.	272	221
...notices when I am not there.	272	221
...always wants me to do my best.	272	222
...listens to me when I have something to say.	272	222
...believes that I will be a success.	270	222

Appendix A

N responses per question

	N (2018)	N (2019)
Rules in this school are made clear to students.	270	221
This school makes it clear how students are supposed to act.	269	221
This school clearly informs students what would happen if they break school rules.	269	219

	N (2018)	N (2019)
People here notice when I'm good at something.	272	221
It is hard for people like me to be accepted here.	268	222
Other students in this school take my opinions seriously.	269	222
Sometimes I don't feel as if I belong here.	270	221
I am included in lots of activities at this school.	270	222
I can really be myself at this school.	271	220
I wish I were in a different school.	271	221
Other students here like me the way I am.	270	220

	N (2018)	N (2019)
I feel close to people at this school.	272	221
I am happy to be at this school.	272	220
I feel like I am part of this school.	269	221
The teachers at my school treat students fairly.	272	222
I feel safe in my school.	272	222

	N (2018)	N (2019)
How safe do you feel when you are at school?	269	222