

TSU School Based Law Enforcement Study

Spring 2019 Results

San Marcos High 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?	59.96%	66.38%	14.29%	12.11%	7.89%	8.03%	4.51%	2.22%	13.35%	11.25%
...been afraid of being beaten up?	86.17%	85.50%	6.73%	8.11%	3.36%	2.46%	0.37%	0.98%	3.36%	2.95%
...had mean rumors or lies spread about you?	56.23%	60.59%	14.15%	14.75%	10.57%	9.17%	4.53%	2.97%	14.53%	12.52%
...had sexual jokes, comments, or gestures made at you?	61.05%	62.64%	8.61%	8.88%	7.12%	7.52%	3.00%	2.59%	20.22%	18.37%
...had been made fun of because of your looks or the way you talk?	60.49%	64.36%	13.11%	10.85%	5.43%	7.15%	4.31%	3.45%	16.67%	14.18%
...had your property stolen or deliberately damaged?	67.85%	72.01%	16.64%	16.28%	7.48%	4.93%	3.36%	1.85%	4.67%	4.93%

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)	90.43%	88.15%	1.88%	4.32%	2.44%	2.35%	1.31%	0.74%	3.94%	4.44%
Your race, ethnicity, or national origin	75.52%	77.94%	9.79%	7.06%	3.95%	3.97%	1.88%	2.73%	8.85%	8.30%
Your religion	92.47%	91.19%	3.01%	3.35%	1.51%	1.36%	0.75%	0.87%	2.26%	3.23%
Because you are gay or lesbian or someone thought you were	84.72%	86.94%	5.09%	4.85%	3.58%	2.49%	1.13%	0.62%	5.47%	5.10%
A physical or mental disability	92.11%	89.58%	3.20%	3.23%	0.38%	2.61%	0.38%	0.74%	3.95%	3.85%
Any other reason	76.89%	80.62%	8.52%	5.47%	3.79%	3.73%	1.89%	1.24%	8.90%	8.94%

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)?	77.86%	79.18%	9.76%	7.93%	3.56%	4.96%	2.44%	1.73%	6.38%	6.20%

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?	89.31%	88.72%	6.75%	5.58%	1.31%	1.73%	0.94%	0.74%	1.69%	3.22%
...been offered, sold, or given illegal drugs?	69.92%	75.84%	9.02%	6.76%	8.08%	4.01%	2.82%	1.75%	10.15%	11.64%
...damaged school property on purpose?	92.51%	92.90%	4.31%	2.99%	1.12%	1.00%	0.19%	0.62%	1.87%	2.49%
...carried a gun?	98.50%	97.88%	0.38%	0.37%	0.00%	0.25%	0.56%	0.00%	0.56%	1.50%
...carried any other weapon?	93.61%	93.36%	3.57%	2.88%	0.94%	0.75%	0.19%	0.13%	1.69%	2.88%
...been threatened or injured with a weapon?	92.32%	92.90%	4.49%	3.36%	1.31%	0.87%	0.56%	0.25%	1.31%	2.62%
...seen someone carrying a gun, knife, or other weapon?	73.60%	76.40%	13.11%	10.36%	6.93%	5.49%	1.69%	1.75%	4.68%	5.99%

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.	11.65%	11.57%	21.24%	30.10%	25.38%	25.75%	41.73%	32.59%
...tells me when I do a good job.	9.77%	11.30%	19.74%	27.20%	31.39%	33.79%	39.10%	27.70%
...notices when I am not there.	14.18%	16.69%	26.28%	32.62%	23.25%	23.21%	36.29%	27.48%
...always wants me to do my best.	6.97%	8.02%	13.37%	22.93%	22.98%	28.95%	56.69%	40.10%
...listens to me when I have something to say.	10.19%	14.25%	22.64%	26.50%	25.66%	27.88%	41.51%	31.38%
...believes that I will be a success.	8.75%	12.23%	14.83%	23.35%	27.19%	27.47%	49.24%	36.95%

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.	11.11%	15.51%	26.74%	21.84%	48.78%	47.02%	13.37%	15.63%
This school makes it clear how students are supposed to act.	9.64%	12.80%	20.42%	20.99%	54.44%	50.56%	15.50%	15.65%
This school clearly informs students what would happen if they break school rules.	9.64%	12.62%	20.42%	16.34%	54.44%	50.37%	15.50%	20.67%

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.	17.27%	19.97%	21.44%	20.35%	27.32%	27.89%	20.87%	21.48%	13.09%	10.30%
It is hard for people like me to be accepted here.	57.39%	58.04%	16.86%	15.70%	13.07%	14.57%	7.20%	5.90%	5.49%	5.78%
Other students in this school take my opinions seriously.	23.73%	25.85%	25.61%	25.09%	28.63%	28.63%	15.44%	13.87%	6.59%	6.56%
Sometimes I don't feel as if I belong here.	46.52%	45.59%	19.40%	18.39%	13.56%	13.73%	7.53%	9.19%	12.99%	13.10%
I am included in lots of activities at this school.	27.22%	34.13%	19.09%	18.82%	19.85%	18.70%	16.82%	13.93%	17.01%	14.43%
I can really be myself at this school.	18.90%	23.48%	21.55%	21.59%	18.15%	18.94%	21.17%	20.20%	20.23%	15.78%
I wish I were in a different school.	39.89%	36.24%	19.47%	18.94%	14.93%	17.30%	7.18%	8.33%	18.53%	19.19%
Other students here like me the way I am.	8.16%	10.08%	14.80%	15.87%	22.96%	25.06%	27.70%	27.20%	26.38%	21.79%

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".

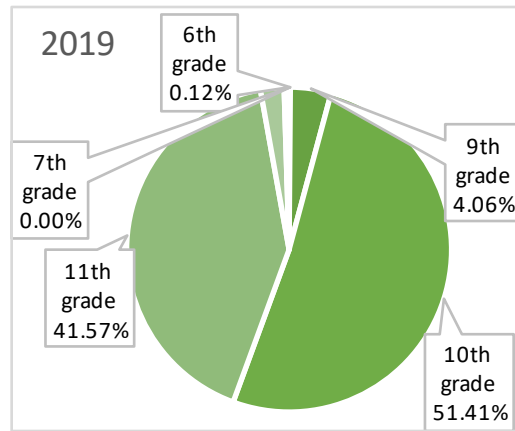
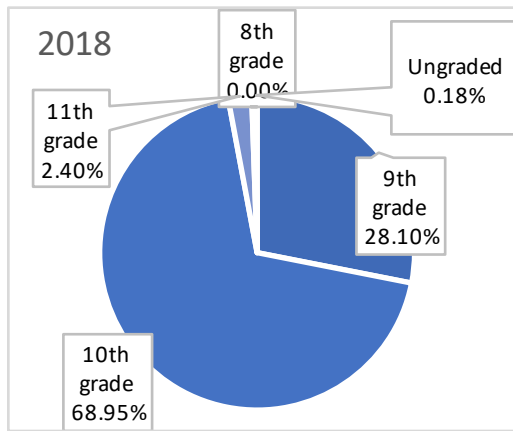
	Strongly disagree		Disagree		Neither agree nor disagree		Agree		Strongly agree	
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
I feel close to people at this school.	8.52%	11.81%	6.82%	9.30%	22.92%	26.13%	36.55%	33.17%	25.19%	19.60%
I am happy to be at this school.	13.66%	16.42%	11.57%	13.78%	32.83%	36.47%	28.46%	24.06%	13.47%	9.27%
I feel like I am part of this school.	14.20%	18.56%	14.20%	14.02%	32.77%	35.98%	25.95%	22.85%	12.88%	8.59%
The teachers at my school treat students fairly.	15.15%	17.11%	17.23%	16.48%	34.47%	32.45%	23.30%	25.28%	9.85%	8.68%
I feel safe in my school.	11.53%	15.43%	10.78%	13.55%	35.92%	37.39%	30.81%	24.72%	10.96%	8.91%

	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?	9.79%	7.16%	36.72%	30.78%	40.68%	45.60%	8.47%	10.30%	4.33%	6.16%

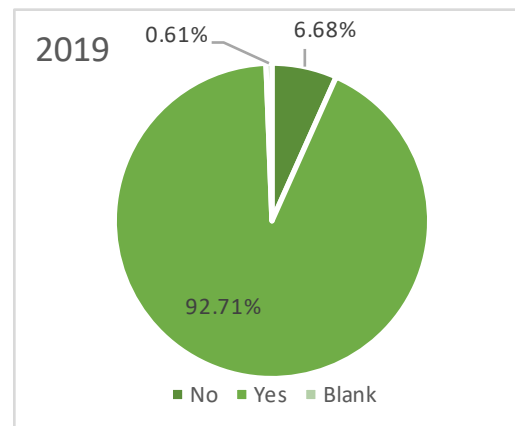
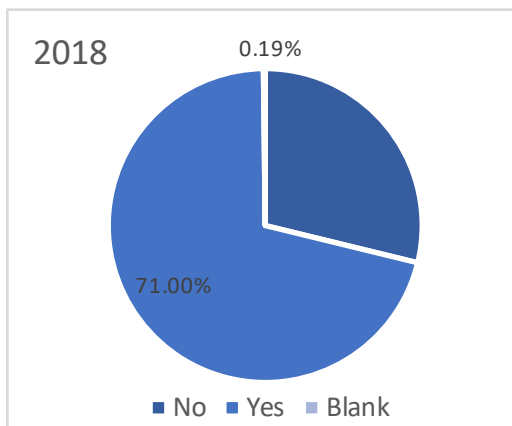
Student Demographics

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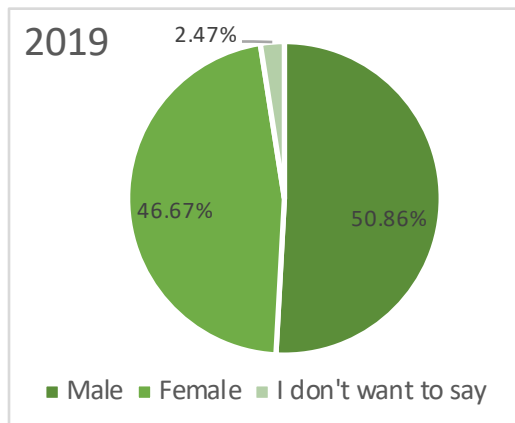
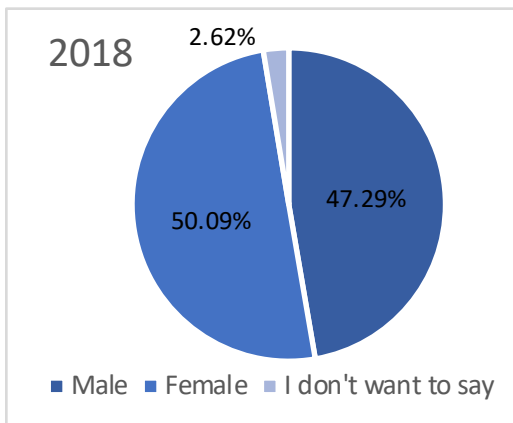
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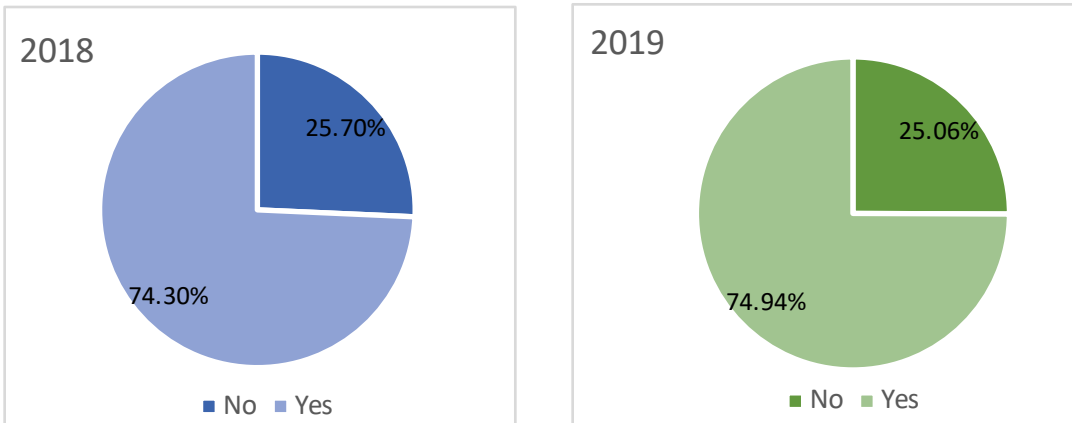
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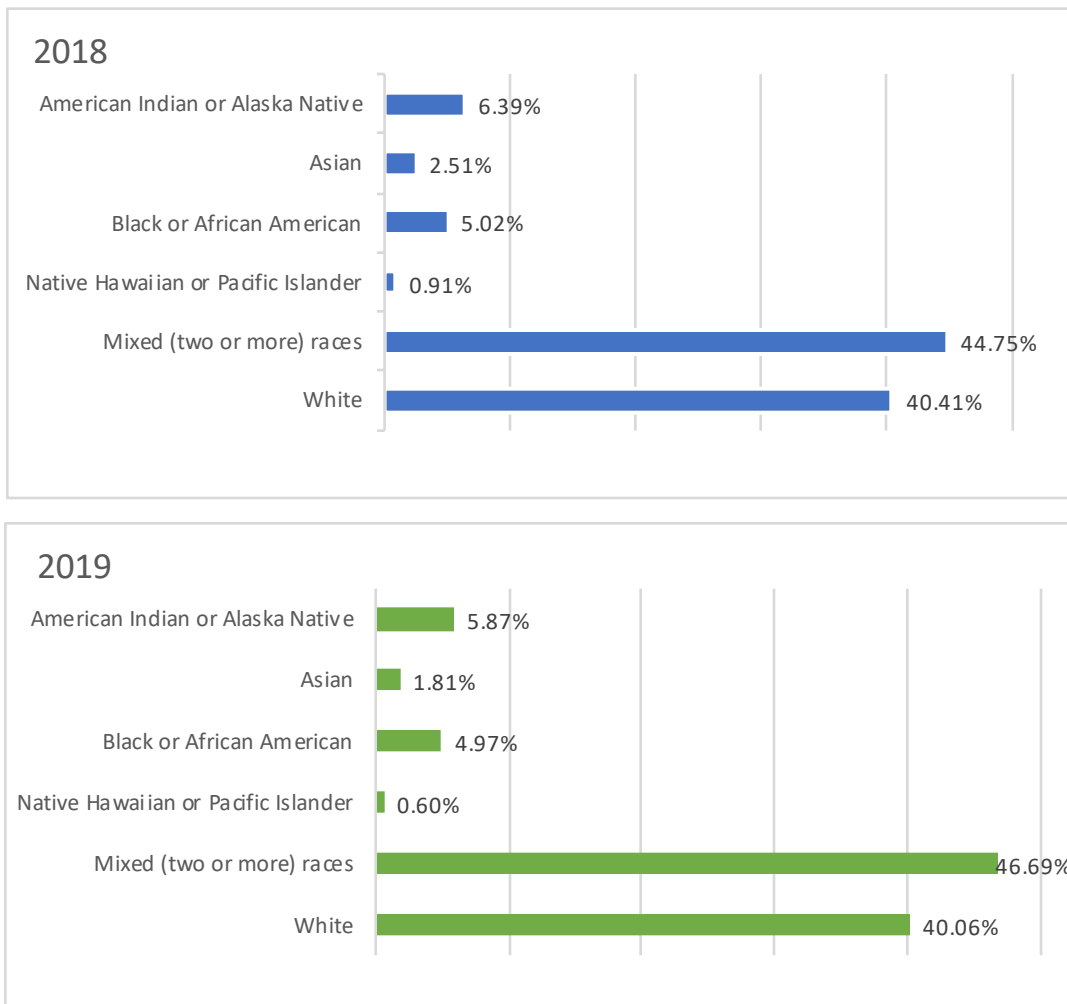
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Hispanic or Latino Origin



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?	532	809
...been afraid of being beaten up?	535	814
...had mean rumors or lies spread about you?	530	807
...had sexual jokes, comments, or gestures made at you?	534	811
...had been made fun of because of your looks or the way you talk?	534	811
...had your property stolen or deliberately damaged?	535	811

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)	533	810
Your race, ethnicity, or national origin	531	807
Your religion	531	806
Because you are gay or lesbian or someone thought you were	530	804
A physical or mental disability	532	806
Any other reason	528	805

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)?	533	807

During the past 12 months, how many times on school property have you....		
	N (2018)	N (2019)
...been in a physical fight?	533	807
...been offered, sold, or given illegal drugs?	532	799
...damaged school property on purpose?	534	803
...carried a gun?	533	802
...carried any other weapon?	532	798
...been threatened or injured with a weapon?	534	803
...seen someone carrying a gun, knife, or other weapon?	534	801

At my school, there is a teacher or some other adult who...		
	N (2018)	N (2019)
...really cares about me.	532	804
...tells me when I do a good job.	532	805
...notices when I am not there.	529	797
...always wants me to do my best.	531	798
...listens to me when I have something to say.	530	800
...believes that I will be a success.	526	801

Appendix A

N responses per question

	N (2018)	N (2019)
Rules in this school are made clear to students.	531	806
This school makes it clear how students are supposed to act.	529	805
This school clearly informs students what would happen if they break school rules.	529	808

	N (2018)	N (2019)
People here notice when I'm good at something.	527	796
It is hard for people like me to be accepted here.	528	796
Other students in this school take my opinions seriously.	531	793
Sometimes I don't feel as if I belong here.	531	794
I am included in lots of activities at this school.	529	797
I can really be myself at this school.	529	792
I wish I were in a different school.	529	792
Other students here like me the way I am.	527	794

	N (2018)	N (2019)
I feel close to people at this school.	528	796
I am happy to be at this school.	527	798
I feel like I am part of this school.	528	792
The teachers at my school treat students fairly.	528	795
I feel safe in my school.	529	797

	N (2018)	N (2019)
How safe do you feel when you are at school?	531	796