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## **General School Climate and Safety Considerations for Students**

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- **Educators:**

Educators know their students better than anyone. With that in mind, the Department strongly recommends that educators develop their own “Climate Assessment.” The queries below may be modified as educators develop their own “School Climate and Safety” studies.

Educators know the maturity level of their students. Some queries may be more applicable than others. “Grade Level Appropriateness” may be considered as the information below is reviewed.

It is recommended that all queries of this nature be reviewed by the instructional staff prior to administration. The corporation’s legal counsel and governing body must review the document prior to administration.

- **Guardian Permission:**

Written “Guardian Permission” must be obtained prior to administering any instrument of this nature to students.

## General School Climate Sample Queries

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- 1. When I meet students from other schools I am proud to tell them where I go to school.**
  - a. Strongly Agree
  - b. Agree
  - c. Strongly Disagree
  - d. N/A
- 2. I think that my school prepares me for my future better than other schools.**
  - a. Strongly Agree
  - b. Agree
  - c. Strongly Disagree
  - d. N/A
- 3. I believe my teachers care about students.**
  - a. Strongly Agree
  - b. Agree
  - c. Strongly Disagree
  - d. N/A
- 4. I see teachers, School Resource Officers and or principals greeting students while supervising the buses, parking lots or halls as students arrive in the morning.**
  - a. Strongly Agree
  - b. Agree
  - c. Strongly Disagree
  - d. N/A
- 5. My principal, assistant principal and or School Resource Officers know my name.**
  - a. Strongly Agree
  - b. Agree
  - c. Strongly Disagree
  - d. N/A
- 6. I see teachers, principals, assistant principals and or counselors take the time to talk to students in hall.**
  - a. Strongly Agree
  - b. Agree
  - c. Strongly Disagree
  - d. N/A
- 7. I have received a positive personal note from a teacher, principal and or guidance counselor during the school year.**
  - a. Strongly Agree
  - b. Agree
  - c. Strongly Disagree
  - d. N/A
- 8. My teachers attend extracurricular activities in which I participate.**
  - a. Strongly Agree
  - b. Agree
  - c. Strongly Disagree
  - d. N/A
- 9. My teachers take the time to talk to me about my participation in extracurricular activities.**
  - a. Strongly Agree
  - b. Agree
  - c. Strongly Disagree
  - d. N/A
- 10. My school has clear rules and expectations for student conduct.**
  - a. Strongly Agree
  - b. Agree
  - c. Strongly Disagree
  - d. N/A
- 11. Students know the rules of conduct set out in the “Student Handbook.”**
  - a. Strongly Agree
  - b. Agree
  - c. Strongly Disagree
  - d. N/A
- 12. Students know that the code of student conduct will be applied consistently to all.**
  - a. Strongly Agree
  - b. Agree
  - c. Strongly Disagree
  - d. N/A

- 13. Rules for student conduct are enforced by all staff members.**  
 b. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 14. I like all of my teachers.**  
 a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 15. I like most of my teachers.**  
 a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 16. My teachers encourage me to share my thoughts in class.**  
 a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 17. I do not often volunteer to participate in class because other students make fun of me.**  
 a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 18. My teachers always encourage me to participate in class.**  
 a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 19. When teachers call on me in class, they sometimes make fun of my answers.**  
 a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 20. My teachers criticize student participation when answers are not correct.**  
 a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 21. My teachers display examples of all student's "good work."**  
 a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 22. My teachers sometimes post student's poor work or grades as examples.**  
 a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 23. My teachers spend time after school to help students.**  
 a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 24. My teachers praise student participation.**  
 a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 25. I know that my teachers respect me.**  
 a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 26. My teachers have clear rules for student conduct in their classes.**  
 a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A

- 27. My teachers enforce student conduct rules in the classroom.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 28. Student behavior in the classroom is orderly.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 29. My counselor knows my name.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 30. I feel I can always talk to my counselor about my problems.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 31. My counselor always takes time to hear my problems.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 32. My counselor never has time to hear my problems.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 33. I feel safe sharing my problems with my counselor.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 34. I have a teacher or teachers that I can go with my problems (that I trust).**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A

### **General School Safety Climate Queries**

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- 1. I know what to do in an “Active Shooter Event.”**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 2. I know how to sound the alarm in the event of an “Active Shooter.”**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 3. I know how to use the phone, intercom, etc. in my class in an emergency.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 4. I know what to do in the event of severe weather.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 5. Teachers, administrators and or SRO’s greet students as they arrive on campus.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 6. During my trip to school on the bus, I feel safe.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A

- 7. I am often bullied before school in the hall or at my locker.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 8. I feel safe in my school's halls and at my locker.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 9. I am frequently called names by fellow students during the school day.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 10. I have seen students selling, buying and or using drugs in school.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 11. I have seen students with weapons (knife, gun, etc.) on school grounds.**  
a. Each day      b. Each week      c. Each Month      d. Never
- 12. Students participate in the development, review and implementation of the "Comprehensive School Safety Program."**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 13. Students often help in designing the fire, tornado and active shooter drills.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 14. I have completed an Emergency Contact Card to be used in an evacuation or reunification event.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 15. My "Emergency Contact Information" is update as information changes.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 16. My bus driver greets all students as they board the bus.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 17. My bus driver knows my name.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 18. My driver has clear rules for student conduct on the bus.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 19. My bus driver has provided the rules for student conduct to students and parents.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 20. My bus driver covers the safety rules on the bus at least once a semester.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A

- 21. My bus driver has conducted a safety drill this year.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 22. My bus driver updates my emergency information each semester.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 23. Bus drivers hold safety drills each semester it changes.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 24. I am often bullied on the bus as I travel to school.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 25. I feel safe on the bus during my ride to school.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 26. My bus driver has my emergency contact information.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 27. All students receive a student handbook to take home to parents each year.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 28. My parents have signed the form confirming they received and have read the Student Handbook.”**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 29. Teachers cover the rules of Student Conduct each semester that are found in the “Student Handbook.”**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 30. Teachers enforce the rules of “Student Conduct” found in the “Student Handbook.”**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 31. Teachers post the classroom rules in their classroom.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 32. My teachers designate a student in our class with a backup to sound the alarm?**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 33. I feel safe in the halls of my school.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 34. I am bullied in the halls on frequent occasions.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A

- 35. I attend classes with students that make me afraid.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 36. My teachers have explained the function of the “Student Assistance/Intervention Team.”**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 37. My teachers cover the “Early Warning Indicators” that signal a student may be in need of assistance and or developing into a threat.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 38. My teachers have explained the methods for sharing information about students that scare me.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 39. I know an adult in my school that I may speak with to share my fears and or concerns about someone displaying the “Early Warning Indicators.”**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 40. I know how to anonymously report concerns to the “Intervention Team.”**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 41. I know that my concerns will be held in confidence.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 42. My school conducts “Fire Drills” every month.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 43. I know the primary “Evacuation Paths” for different areas of my school.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 44. My parents have discussed the Evacuation and Reunification Process with me.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 45. My school varies the evacuation path during “Fire Drills.”**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 46. My school conducts “Lockdown Drills” once a semester.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 47. My school conducts “Tornado Drills” once a semester.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A

- 48. I know the safe area for “Tornado Drills.”**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 49. If the first safe area for severe weather is not available I know an alternate site.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 50. My school conducts “Reverse Evacuation” drills for classes held outside the building.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 51. I know the difference between a “Fire Drill,” “Tornado Drill,” and “Active Shooter Drill,” signals.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 52. “Safe Areas” and “Evacuation” routes are posted with alternate “Sites” and “Paths” designated.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 53. Fire Extinguishers and AED’s are located throughout the building.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 54. My teachers have covered the procedures for using a “Fire Extinguishers and or an AED.”**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 55. My teachers cover and or practice “Active Shooter Drill” instructions for our classroom.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 56. I know my responsibilities and how to respond in the event of an “Active Shooter Event.”**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 57. I know what to use to barricade the classroom door.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 58. I know how to report a concern that may be generated on social media.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 59. I know that my conversations with my teachers about safety concerns will be handled confidentially.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A



**60. At “Extracurricular Events” I know where I can get help if I see something that concerns me.**

- a. Strongly Agree                      b. Agree                      c. Strongly Disagree                      d. N/A

**61. At outdoor “Extracurricular Events” I know where to go in the event of severe weather.**

- a. Strongly Agree                      b. Agree                      c. Strongly Disagree                      d. N/A

**62. At “Extracurricular Events” law enforcement, School Resource Officers and administrators are highly visible.**

- a. Strongly Agree                      b. Agree                      c. Strongly Disagree                      d. N/A

**63. I know where to obtain emergency help if I am at an extracurricular event.**

- a. Strongly Agree                      b. Agree                      c. Strongly Disagree                      d. N/A

**64. I feel safe at “Extracurricular Events.”**

- a. Strongly Agree                      b. Agree                      c. Strongly Disagree                      d. N/A

**65. I take “Driver Education” classes.**

- a. Strongly Agree                      b. Agree                      c. Strongly Disagree                      d. N/A

**66. While driving I have been in a car accident.**

- a. Strongly Agree                      b. Agree                      c. Strongly Disagree                      d. N/A

**67. I have had a friend seriously injured in a car accident while driving.**

- a. Strongly Agree                      b. Agree                      c. Strongly Disagree                      d. N/A

**68. While driving, I have had an accident that injured someone else.**

- a. Strongly Agree                      b. Agree                      c. Strongly Disagree                      d. N/A

**69. I often ride or drive with more than four fellow students in the car.**

- a. Strongly Agree                      b. Agree                      c. Strongly Disagree                      d. N/A

**70. I have been a passenger in a car that was exceeding the speed limit by 40 MPH.**

- a. Strongly Agree                      b. Agree                      c. Strongly Disagree                      d. N/A

**71. Our school holds safety convocations in the spring (before the Prom, Graduation, etc.) on safe driving.**

- a. Strongly Agree                      b. Agree                      c. Strongly Disagree                      d. N/A

**72. I sometimes feel the urge to get even for the way I am treated.**

- a. Strongly Agree                      b. Agree                      c. Strongly Disagree                      d. N/A

- 73. I have carried a weapon on school grounds.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 74. I have been physically threatened by fellow students during the school day.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 75. I dread seeing specific students each morning because they make me feel uncomfortable.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 76. I see fights on school grounds once a week.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 77. I access social media during the school day.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 78. I have posted information on social media that I would not want my parents to see.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 79. My parents are aware of my social media use.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 80. My parents check the content of my social media accounts?**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 81. My school has an anonymous way to report social media safety concerns.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 82. Concerns I have given to adults at school are investigated in a timely manner.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A
- 83. Concerns that I report to adults at school are taken seriously.**  
a. Strongly Agree      b. Agree      c. Strongly Disagree      d. N/A