

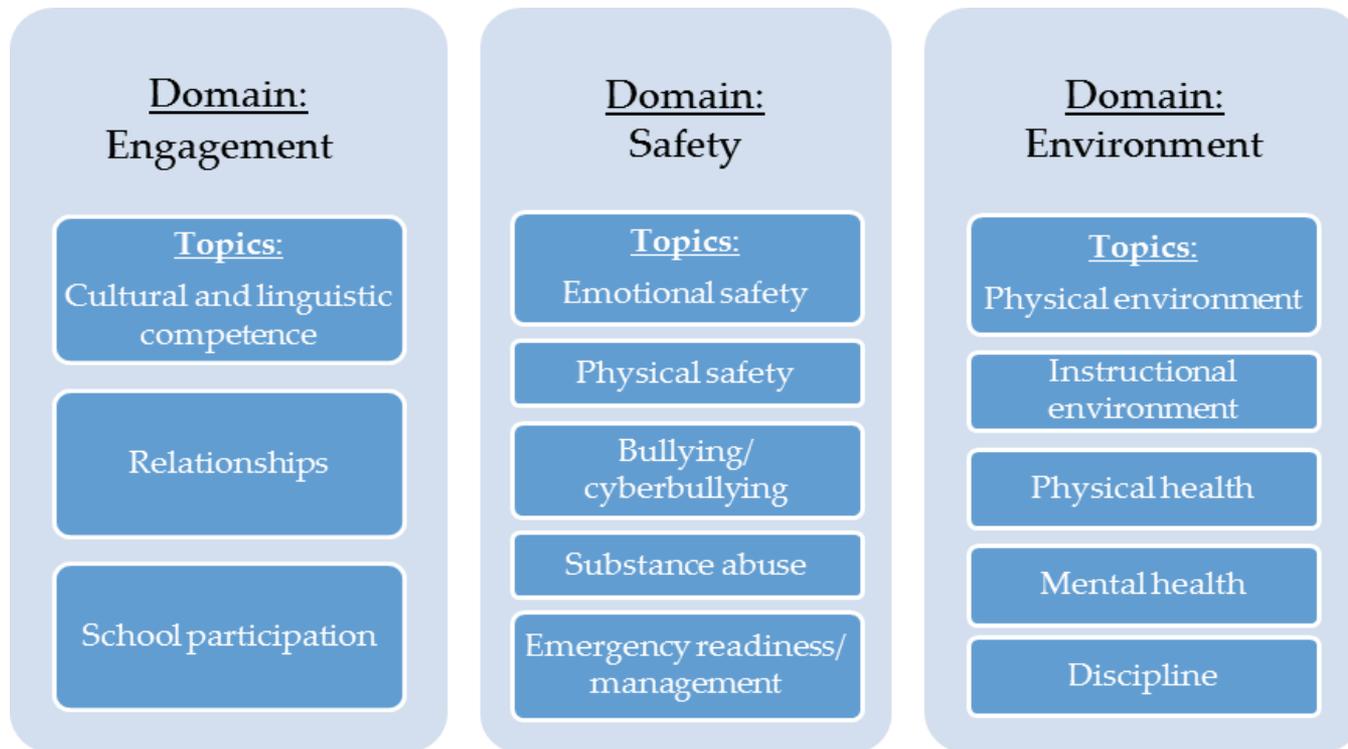
ED School Climate Surveys (EDSCLS)

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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.

OSHS School Climate Model



EDSCLS Respondents

- Middle grade (5-8) students
- High school students
- Parents / Guardians
- Teachers
- Non-instructional staff (including principals)

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.



SCHOOL CLIMATE SURVEY

INFORMED CONSENT

LOG OUT



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



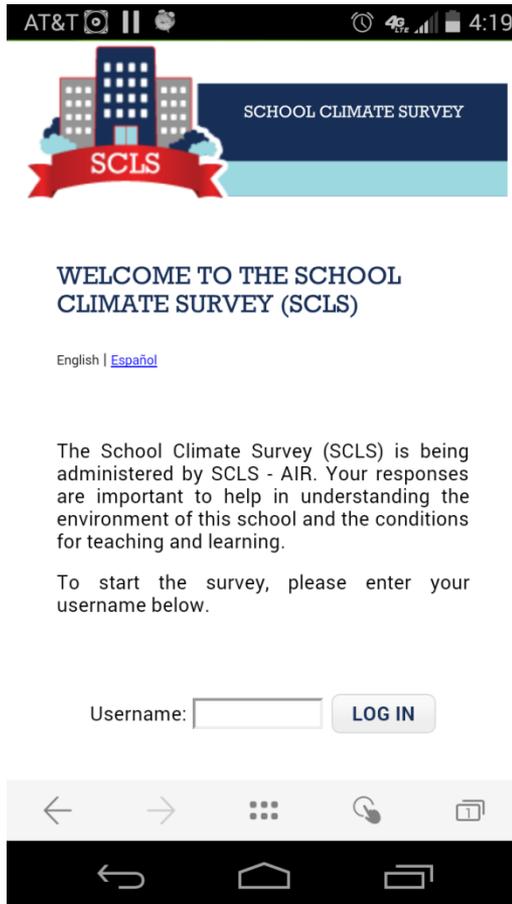
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NEW SURVEY ITEM

SURVEY ITEM	ANSWER OPTIONS	RESPONDENT GROUP	
<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; height: 100px;"></div>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> +	<input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="button" value=""/>
Adults working at this school treat all students respectfully.	<input type="text" value="Strongly Agree"/> <input type="text" value="Agree"/> <input type="text" value="Disagree"/> <input type="text" value="Strongly Disagree"/> +	<input type="text" value="Parents"/>	<input type="button" value=""/> <input type="button" value="x"/>
Staff at this school give students opportunities to get involved in service projects or activities.	<input type="text" value="Strongly Agree"/> <input type="text" value="Agree"/> <input type="text" value="Disagree"/> <input type="text" value="Strongly Disagree"/> +	<input type="text" value="Non-instructional Staff"/>	<input type="button" value=""/> <input type="button" value="x"/>

Web-based survey administration



The screenshot shows a mobile application interface for the School Climate Survey (SCLS). At the top, there is a status bar with AT&T, signal strength, and the time 4:19. Below the status bar is a header with a school building icon and the text "SCHOOL CLIMATE SURVEY" and "SCLS". The main content area has the following text:

WELCOME TO THE SCHOOL CLIMATE SURVEY (SCLS)

English | [Español](#)

The School Climate Survey (SCLS) is being administered by SCLS - AIR. Your responses are important to help in understanding the environment of this school and the conditions for teaching and learning.

To start the survey, please enter your username below.

Username:

At the bottom, there is a navigation bar with icons for back, forward, home, and search.

EDSCLS Reporting

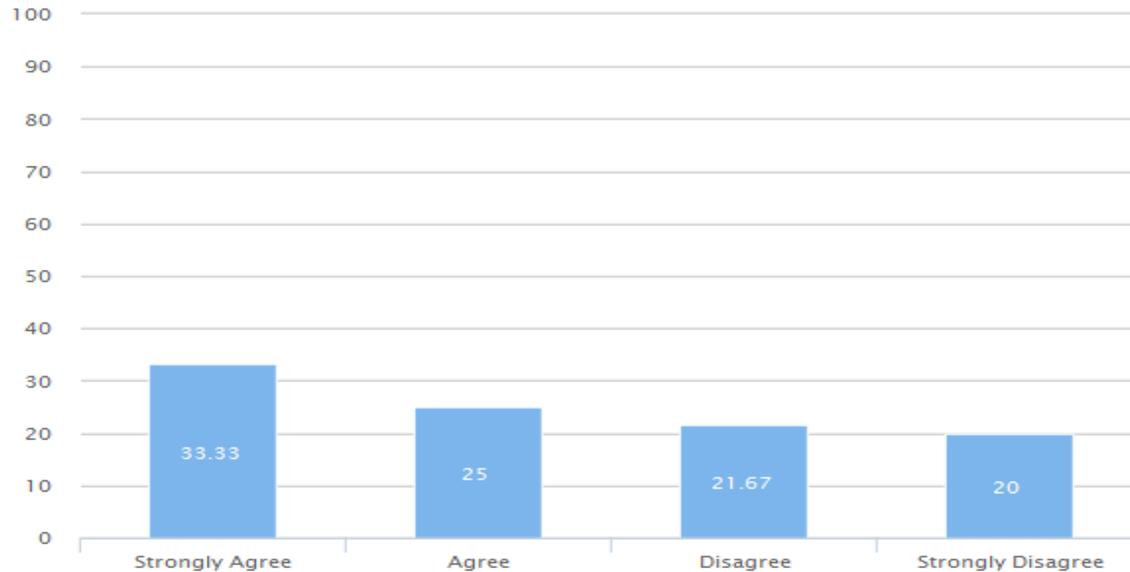
- Includes reporting tool for providing
 - item-level frequencies
 - domain-level scores and topic-level sub-scores.
- Reporting tool can compare scores by school, grade level, race, and gender.

Item Frequency Reporting

Engagement

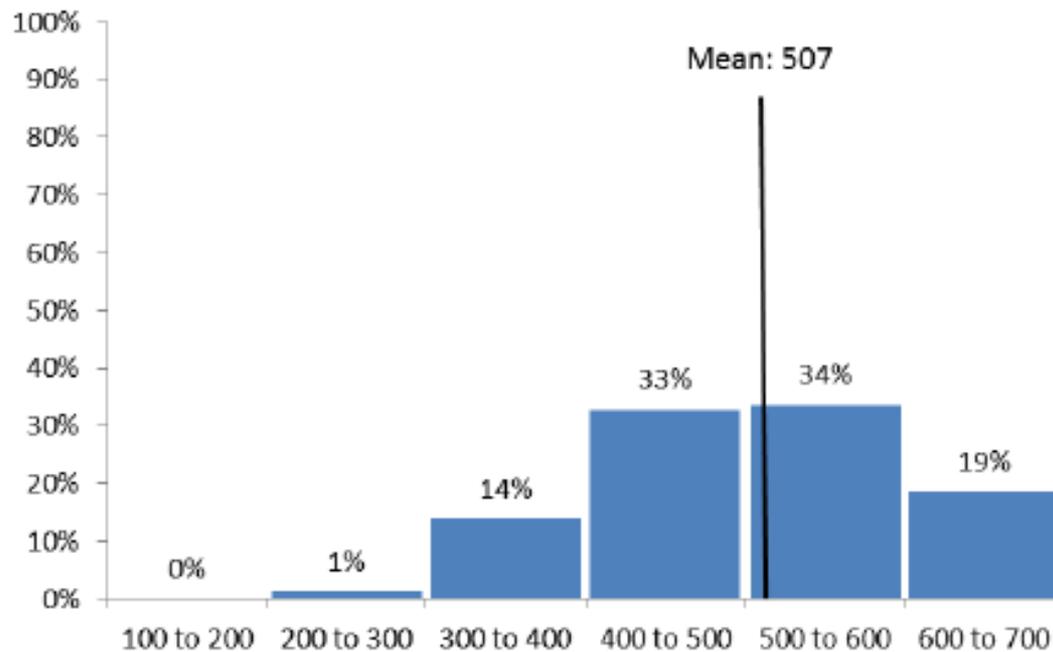
Cultural and Linguistic Competence

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

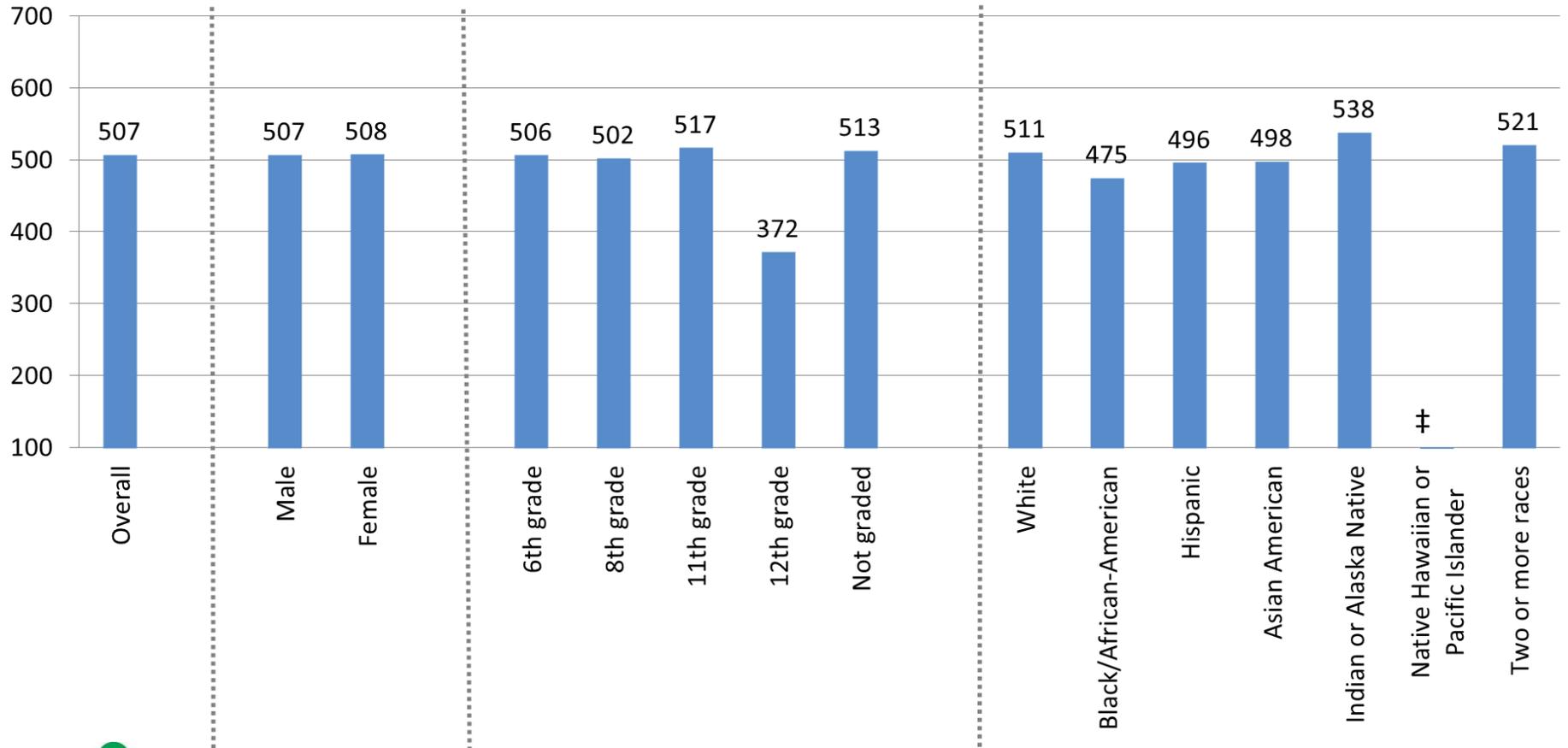


Domain Scale Score Reporting

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



Subgroup Scale Score Reporting



Platform Development: Cog Labs

- In Summer 2014, NCES administered 78 cognitive interviews to test 309 survey items for inclusion in the EDSCLS surveys.
- NCES also administered 32 usability tests on the interface of the EDSCLS platform.
- Students, parents, instructional staff, non-instructional staff, and principals participated in the interviews.

Platform Development: Pilot Survey

- Between February and June 2015, 16 sites participated in the pilot test of the EDSCLS instruments and platform.
- At 3 sites, the EDSCLS was administered at the state level for selected districts.
- At 12 sites, EDSCLS was administered at the district level.
- At 1 site, EDSCLS was administered at the school level.
- Within the 16 sites, 50 schools participated in the pilot.

Platform Development: Pilot Survey

- The pilot data was used to create EDSCLS scale scores for Engagement, Safety, and Environment domains for the student, instructional staff, and non-instructional staff surveys.
- Low school participation and low response rates in the parent survey prevented scale development for the parent survey.

Platform Release

- On March 31, 2016, the Office of Safe and Healthy Students released the EDSCLS platform on the website: <https://safesupportivelearning.ed.gov/scls>
- OSHS also plans to release the School Improvement Resource Guide (SCIRP), “a web-based suite of action-oriented, research and evidence-based resources to help create and support positive school climates”

National Benchmark Development

- In Fall of 2017, a new version of the EDSCLS platform will be released that allows schools and districts to compare their school climate scores to the scores from a nationally representative sample of 500 schools serving 5th through 12th grade students.
- NCES is currently recruiting schools to participate in the national benchmark data collection in Spring 2017.

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