## School <br> Diversity <br> Inventory ${ }^{\text {m" }}$

## Student Questionnaire School Report

School: Sample High School (\#56)
Date: December 2001
Number of student surveys returned: 204
Number of invalid answer sheets detected: 6
Number of valid student surveys returned: 198
Student response rate: 71\%

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## Interpreting School Diversity Inventory Results

The results summarized in this report are intended to be used with a companion workbook, $A n$ Educational Leader's Workbook for Diagnosing a School's Climate for Diversity: Initiating Action to Improve or Maintain School Climate. That workbook provides a step-by-step method to generate consensus on what your school's climate profile should be. It will help you integrate your expectations for the school with these results, and it will help your school set goals.

The present report is organized to provide a detailed summary of how students in your school see the school by showing how they responded to each statement in the inventories. All results summarize the reports of groups of students about the school.

This report also provides summaries of school climate for diversity in each of several domains. The companion workbook provides a structure for graphing and interpreting these domain scores. Some parts of this report show results for diversity domains separately for members of different groups. These parts are organized to make it easy to learn how different groups rate your school's climate. To preserve confidentiality, subgroup results are not shown for very small groups (fewer than seven individuals).

The information in this report is based on surveys, and all survey information involves some degree of uncertainty or error. You are probably familiar with opinion polls being reported in percentages with a "margin of error" of plus or minus a few points. In this report, some pages report $90 \%$ confidence intervals for domain scores. These are your "margins of error" for the scores reported. It is unlikely that true scores lie outside these bands. When the confidence intervals for different groups overlap, an apparent difference between the groups may have arisen by chance. If confidence intervals don't overlap it is likely that there is a real difference between the groups. An appendix table at the end of this report provides a way to estimate margins of error for percentages contained in this report. Some pages present technical information about the statistical significance of differences between groups. These are intended for use by educational evaluators.

## Special Administrative Indices

Those interpreting School Diversity Inventory results should attend to the width of confidence intervals that are included with score reports or that are printed on profiles. The wider these confidence intervals, the less information is contained in the report or profile. Confidence bands are narrow when sample sizes are large and there is a high degree of agreement among respondents. Confidence bands are wide when sample sizes are larger or respondents are in marked disagreement in their views. In general, interpret these confidence intervals as bands of plausible vales for the results.

Attend to the response rate for your survey. Surveys with poor response rates may influence results in ways that are difficult to anticipate. Schools should be able easily to achieve participation rates of $80 \%$ or above. If a response rate falls below $80 \%$ consider whether the respondents adequately represent the school. If a response rate falls below $70 \%$, interpret results with caution. If both student and faculty/staff surveys have been conducted, separate response rates are reported for each survey. Denominators to calculate these rates are derived from Quality Control Worksheets returned with answer sheets for processing.

One important administrative index is the percentage of student answer sheets that were returned for processing which were identified as probably invalid due to patterned responding. Such answer sheets occur when the student completing the questionnaire fails to take the task seriously or deliberately
sabotages the survey. Answer sheets identified as invalid are not included in summary reports.

When the percentage of answer sheets invalid is above $12 \%$, consider the possibility that the survey was not carefully conducted or that groups of students may have been uncooperative. Only about one school in 20 obtains an invalidity rate of about $12 \%$ or higher. Although invalid answer documents do not contribute to summary statistics, if many individuals did not cooperate with the survey, this can by itself influence the results in ways that are difficult to anticipate.

Administrative indices for this school:

Student response rate (percentage) ........................................................................................... $71 \%$
Percentage of student answer sheets detected as invalid $2.9 \%$

## Interpretations Based on Judgment About Raw Scores and on Norms

The developers of the School Diversity Inventory recommend basing interpretations primarily on the raw score results in comparison to what the responsible parties in each school regard as desirable for the school. The Educational Leader's Workbook for Diagnosing a School's Climate for Diversity (available from the publisher) provides guidance in making this kind of interpretation.

Survey results can also be compared with results from a reference sample of schools. The school is compared with other schools at the same level. That is, a high school is compared with other high schools, a middle school with other middle schools, and an elementary school (faculty/staff surveys only) with other elementary schools.

The graph in Appendix C shows profiles of norm-referenced scores known as T-scores. In the reference sample, the average school's T-score is 50 and the standard deviation of schools' scores is 10 . The introductory tables translate T-score ranges into verbal interpretations. The following table shows T -score ranges for each interpretive statement, and approximate percentile ranges assuming a normal distribution of schools:
Interpretation
Very High
High
Moderately High
Average
Moderately Low
Low
Very Low

Percentile
94th and above
85th to 93 rd
70th to 84th
31st to 69th
16th to the 30th
7th to the 15th
6th and below

## T-score

65.2 and above
60.2 to 65.1
55.1 to 60.1
44.9 to 55.0
39.9 to 44.8
34.8 to 39.8
34.7 and below

The reference samples are described in the Supplemental Norms and Profile Sheets for the School Diversity Inventory: Technical Manual Supplement, available from the publisher.

In preparing the table of verbal interpretations and profiles of T-scores, your results were compared to the following reference sample: high schools.

## Suggested Interpretation for Raw Domain Scores

| Score range | Interpretation |
| :--- | :--- |
| $3.5-4.0$ | Most people see the school climate as very supportive of diversity. Work to <br> maintain a respectful and civil climate. |
| $3.0-3.4$ | Most people see the school climate as supportive of diversity. There is still room <br> for improvement. |
| 2.5-2.9 | Some people are reporting problems that undermine school climate for diversity, and <br> some groups may be uncomfortable or dissatisfied with their treatment. Corrective <br> action is needed. |
| The school has barriers or problems that probably make it uncomfortable for a |  |
| $1.5-1.4$ | substantial number of people. Corrective action is needed. |
| $1.0-1.4$ | The school has major problems that require correction. <br> The school has extreme problems that require correction. |

Note. Does not apply to Teamwork versus Conflict domain.

## Your Results

The following pages summarize your results, beginning with a table that shows the demographic composition of your sample according to survey participants' self-reports.

Then an interpretive summary is provided. This summary provides a comparison of your results with a reference sample.

A table of numerical domain averages follows the interpretive summary, and this is followed by detailed tabulations of the results.

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School Diversity Inventory
Student Questionnaire

## Student Demographics

|  | $n$ | $\%$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Student sex: |  |  |
| Female | 91 | 46.2 |
| Male | 106 | 53.8 |
| Student self-reported grade level: |  |  |
| $6^{\text {th }}$ | 0 | 0.0 |
| $7^{\text {th }}$ | 0 | 0.0 |
| $8^{\text {th }}$ | 0 | 0.0 |
| $9^{\text {th }}$ | 2 | 1.0 |
| $10^{\text {th }}$ | 50 | 25.4 |
| $11^{\text {th }}$ | 75 | 38.1 |
| $12^{\text {th }}$ | 70 | 35.5 |
| Student racelethnic self-identification: |  |  |
| Black or African American | 78 | 40.8 |
| White or European American | 81 | 42.4 |
| Native American or Alaskan | 3 | 1.6 |
| Native | 8 | 4.2 |
| Asian American or Pacific | 6 | 3.1 |
| Islander | 15 | 7.9 |
| Latino |  |  |
| Multiracial or other |  |  |

Note. $\quad n=$ number of respondents in subgroup.

Interpretive Summary: School Diversity Inventory Student Survey

| Domain | Meaning | This School |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Diversity Policy and Practices | Assesses the extent to which the school employs policies and practices that affirm diversity. In a high scoring school students report that both boys and girls have access to all school activities, that the climate does not support bullying or teasing of people because of their group membership, that unfair treatment of people because of their ethnicity is not allowed, and that different groups are taught how to get along. | Moderately <br> Low |
| Openness to Diversity | Measures the climate of openness to the views, traditions, and contributions of different groups. This scale is a gauge of group attitudes or norms allowing the disclosure and discussion of multiple perspectives and encouraging the open expression of differences. In high scoring schools, members of different groups openly seek each other's views. | Average |
| Diversity Knowledge and Role Models | Indicates the degree to which examples of the accomplishments of members of many racial/ethnic/cultural groups - and of both men and women - are displayed in a school. In high scoring schools, teachers and staff know about and deliberately teach about the culture and history of different groups. | Average |
| Accessibility | Assesses the degree to which the school helps or accommodates persons with special needs, so that neither hearing, visual, or physical difficulties, nor cost, language differences, or transportation problems limit access to school facilities or events. High scoring schools anticipate and remove obstacles to access. | Moderately <br> Low |
| Respectful Climate | Assesses the degree to which a school is characterized by a climate of respect and dignity for persons of all groups versus disrespect or hostility towards persons who are perceived as different. In a high scoring school, persons with disabilities, of different beliefs and traditions, and who speak different languages are treated with dignity; in a low scoring school, people who are perceived as different may be teased or exposed to persons who express disdain or disrespect for their group. | Average |

Interpretive Summary: School Diversity Inventory Student Survey

| Domain | Meaning | This School |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Intergroup <br> Civility | Measures the degree to which a school is free of open disrespect <br> or hostility towards members of minority groups or persons with <br> special difficulties. In a high scoring school, students are not <br> teased or bothered because of their personal characteristics or <br> group membership. In a low scoring school, students may be <br> teased, threatened or insulted because of their group membership <br> or special personal characteristics. | Moderately <br> Low |  |
| Intergroup <br> Relations | The quality of intergroup relations in a school is measured in the <br> following three ways: |  |  |
| Group | Indicates the degree of positive interaction and social integration <br> of members of different race/ethnic groups. In a high scoring <br> school, members of different groups interact socially with each <br> other, help each other, and enjoy working together. | Average |  |
| Male- | Indicates the degree of positive interaction and social integration <br> Female <br> lof boys and girls and men and women in a school. In a high <br> scoring school, people of different sexes interact socially, help <br> each other, and enjoy working together. | Moderately |  |
| Social | Indicates the degree of positive interaction (versus segregation or <br> exclusion) of students of different social groups. In a high <br> scoring school, students of different backgrounds are accepted in <br> social groups and everyone can feel they fit in. In a low scoring <br> school, some students avoid activities because they feel <br> unwelcome and are excluded or isolated because of their social <br> group identification. | Average |  |
| Perceived | Assesses perceptions of the evenhandedness or fairness in the <br> Educational <br> Equity | treatment of boys and girls, members of different racial/ethnic <br> groups, and people of diverse views in a school. In a high <br> scoring school, different groups are seen as fairly treated. | Low |

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## Domain Averages

| Domain | Average | SD | $N$ |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| Diversity Policies and Practices | 2.52 | 0.50 | 193 |
| Openness to Diversity | 2.75 | 0.47 | 188 |
| Diversity Knowledge and Role Models | 2.80 | 0.50 | 189 |
| Accessibility | 2.41 | 0.40 | 182 |
| Intergroup Civility (versus Hostility) |  |  |  |
| $\quad$ Respectful Climate | 2.58 | 0.40 | 195 |
| Intergroup Civility | 2.23 | 0.47 | 185 |
| Intergroup Relations |  |  |  |
| Race/Ethnic Group Relations | 2.57 | 0.45 | 188 |
| Male-Female Interaction | 2.89 | 0.44 | 189 |
| Social Group Interaction | 2.24 | 0.49 | 191 |
| Perceived Educational Equity | 2.61 | 0.46 | 185 |

Note. $\mathrm{SD}=$ sample standard deviation. $\quad N=$ number of respondents. Averages for all domains are based on a scale of 1 to 4 , with 1 being the undesirable end and 4 being the desirable end. High scores reflect more positive school climate.

## Domain Averages by Sex and Ethnicity: Diversity Policies and Practices

|  | Average | $S D$ | $N$ | $90 \%$ Confidence Interval |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 2.54 | 0.52 | 102 | 2.46 | - | 2.63 |
| Female | 2.50 | 0.47 | 91 | 2.42 | - | 2.58 |
| Ethnicity |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Black or African American | 2.61 | 0.47 | 76 | 2.52 | - | 2.70 |
| White or European American | 2.45 | 0.51 | 80 | 2.36 | - | 2.54 |
| Native American or Alaskan Native | - | - | 3 | - | - |  |
| Asian American or Pacific Islander | 2.54 | 0.33 | 8 | 2.35 | - | 2.73 |
| Latino | - | - | 6 | - | - |  |
| Multiracial or other | 2.49 | 0.53 | 14 | 2.26 | - | 2.72 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 2.52 | 0.50 | 193 | 2.46 | - | 2.58 |

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Notice. Pay special attention to the width of the confidence intervals for groups with small $N \mathrm{~s}$.

Note. Means (averages) and standard deviations are based on responses of participants in the survey sample. The extent to which they describe the school depends on the specific design used in school surveys.

## Domain Averages by Sex and Ethnicity: Openness to Diversity

|  | Average | $S D$ | $N$ | $90 \%$ Confidence Interval |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 2.75 | 0.48 | 99 | 2.67 | - | 2.83 |
| Female | 2.75 | 0.45 | 89 | 2.67 | - | 2.83 |
| Ethnicity |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Black or African American | 2.82 | 0.42 | 74 | 2.74 | - | 2.90 |
| White or European American | 2.71 | 0.50 | 79 | 2.62 | - | 2.80 |
| Native American or Alaskan Native | - | - | 2 | - | - |  |
| Asian American or Pacific Islander | 2.83 | 0.31 | 8 | 2.65 | - | 3.01 |
| Latino | - | - | 6 | - | - |  |
| Multiracial or other | 2.75 | 0.57 | 13 | 2.49 | - | 3.01 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 2.75 | 0.47 | 188 | 2.69 | - | 2.81 |

Note. $S D=$ sample standard deviation. $\quad N=$ number of respondents. Averages for all domains are based on a scale of 1 to 4 , with 1 being the undesirable end and 4 being the desirable end. High scores reflect more positive school climate. Dashes are printed where results are not reported for groups with fewer than seven respondents.

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## Domain Averages by Sex and Ethnicity: Diversity Knowledge and Role Models

|  | Average | $S D$ | $N$ | $90 \%$ Confidence Interval |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 2.83 | 0.53 | 100 | 2.74 | - | 2.92 |
| Female | 2.77 | 0.47 | 88 | 2.69 | - | 2.85 |
| Ethnicity |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Black or African American | 2.78 | 0.48 | 73 | 2.69 | - | 2.87 |
| White or European American | 2.85 | 0.47 | 80 | 2.76 | - | 2.94 |
| Native American or Alaskan Native | - | - | 2 | - | - |  |
| Asian American or Pacific Islander | 2.64 | 0.45 | 8 | 2.38 | - | 2.90 |
| Latino | - | - | 6 | - | - |  |
| Multiracial or other | 2.82 | 0.65 | 13 | 2.52 | - | 3.12 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 2.80 | 0.50 | 189 | 2.74 | - | 2.86 |

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## Domain Averages by Sex and Ethnicity: School Accessibility

|  | Average | $S D$ | $N$ | $90 \%$ Confidence Interval |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 2.42 | 0.41 | 95 | 2.35 | - | 2.49 |
| Female | 2.40 | 0.40 | 87 | 2.33 | - | 2.47 |
| Ethnicity |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Black or African American | 2.42 | 0.42 | 71 | 2.34 | - | 2.50 |
| White or European American | 2.38 | 0.41 | 76 | 2.30 | - | 2.46 |
| Native American or Alaskan Native | - | - | 2 | - | - |  |
| Asian American or Pacific Islander | 2.50 | 0.35 | 8 | 2.30 | - | 2.70 |
| Latino | - | - | 6 | - | - |  |
| Multiracial or other | 2.53 | 0.34 | 13 | 2.37 | - | 2.69 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 2.41 | 0.40 | 182 | 2.36 | - | 2.46 |

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## Domain Averages by Sex and Ethnicity: Respectful Climate

|  | Average | $S D$ | $N$ | $90 \%$ Confidence Interval |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 2.58 | 0.42 | 104 | 2.51 | - | 2.65 |
| Female | 2.59 | 0.37 | 91 | 2.53 | - | 2.65 |
| Ethnicity |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Black or African American | 2.60 | 0.37 | 77 | 2.53 | - | 2.67 |
| White or European American | 2.58 | 0.40 | 81 | 2.51 | - | 2.65 |
| Native American or Alaskan Native | - | - | 3 | - | - |  |
| Asian American or Pacific Islander | 2.64 | 0.33 | 8 | 2.45 | - | 2.83 |
| Latino | - | - | 5 | - | - |  |
| Multiracial or other | 2.46 | 0.56 | 15 | 2.22 | - | 2.70 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 2.58 | 0.40 | 195 | 2.53 | - | 2.63 |

Note. $S D=$ sample standard deviation. $\quad N=$ number of respondents. Averages for all domains are based on a scale of 1 to 4 , with 1 being the undesirable end and 4 being the desirable end. High scores reflect more positive school climate. Dashes are printed where results are not reported for groups with fewer than seven respondents.

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## Domain Averages by Sex and Ethnicity: Intergroup Civility

|  | Average | $S D$ | $N$ | $90 \%$ Confidence Interval |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 2.24 | 0.43 | 97 | 2.17 | - | 2.31 |
| Female | 2.21 | 0.51 | 88 | 2.12 | - | 2.30 |
| Ethnicity |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Black or African American | 2.21 | 0.42 | 73 | 2.13 | - | 2.29 |
| White or European American | 2.27 | 0.51 | 78 | 2.17 | - | 2.37 |
| Native American or Alaskan Native | - | - | 2 | - | - |  |
| Asian American or Pacific Islander | 2.30 | 0.39 | 8 | 2.07 | - | 2.53 |
| Latino | - | - | 6 | - | - |  |
| Multiracial or other | 2.11 | 0.65 | 13 | 1.81 | - | 2.41 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 2.23 | 0.47 | 185 | 2.17 | - | 2.29 |

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Domain Averages by Sex and Ethnicity: Race/Ethnic Group Relations

|  | Average | $S D$ | $N$ | $90 \%$ Confidence Interval |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 2.58 | 0.49 | 98 | 2.50 | - | 2.66 |
| Female | 2.56 | 0.41 | 89 | 2.49 | - | 2.63 |
| Ethnicity |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\quad$ Black or African American | 2.59 | 0.41 | 74 | 2.51 | - | 2.67 |
| White or European American | 2.56 | 0.44 | 79 | 2.48 | - | 2.64 |
| Native American or Alaskan Native | - | - | 2 | - | - |  |
| Asian American or Pacific Islander | 2.58 | 0.43 | 8 | 2.33 | - | 2.83 |
| Latino | - | - | 5 | - | - |  |
| Multiracial or other | 2.65 | 0.65 | 13 | 2.35 | - | 2.95 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 2.57 | 0.45 | 188 | 2.52 | - | 2.62 |

Note. $S D=$ sample standard deviation. $\quad N=$ number of respondents. Averages for all domains are based on a scale of 1 to 4 , with 1 being the undesirable end and 4 being the desirable end. High scores reflect more positive school climate. Dashes are printed where results are not reported for groups with fewer than seven respondents.

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## Domain Averages by Sex and Ethnicity: Male-Female Interaction

|  | Average | $S D$ | $N$ | $90 \%$ Confidence Interval |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 2.92 | 0.50 | 99 | 2.84 | - | 3.00 |
| Female | 2.87 | 0.38 | 89 | 2.80 | - | 2.94 |
| Ethnicity |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Black or African American | 2.87 | 0.41 | 74 | 2.79 | - | 2.95 |
| White or European American | 2.93 | 0.46 | 79 | 2.84 | - | 3.02 |
| Native American or Alaskan Native | - | - | 2 | - | - |  |
| Asian American or Pacific Islander | 2.78 | 0.54 | 8 | 2.47 | - | 3.10 |
| Latino | - | - | 6 | - | - |  |
| Multiracial or other | 2.89 | 0.53 | 13 | 2.65 | - | 3.13 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 2.89 | 0.44 | 189 | 2.84 | - | 2.94 |

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## Domain Averages by Sex and Ethnicity: Social Group Interaction

|  | Average | $S D$ | $N$ | $90 \%$ Confidence Interval |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 2.33 | 0.46 | 101 | 2.25 | - | 2.41 |
| Female | 2.14 | 0.51 | 90 | 2.05 | - | 2.23 |
| Ethnicity |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Black or African American | 2.38 | 0.45 | 76 | 2.29 | - | 2.47 |
| White or European American | 2.12 | 0.49 | 79 | 2.03 | - | 2.21 |
| Native American or Alaskan Native | - | - | 3 | - | - |  |
| Asian American or Pacific Islander | 2.63 | 0.38 | 8 | 2.41 | - | 2.85 |
| Latino | - | - | 5 | - | - |  |
| Multiracial or other | 2.19 | 0.47 | 14 | 1.98 | - | 2.40 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 2.24 | 0.49 | 191 | 2.18 | - | 2.30 |

Note. $S D=$ sample standard deviation. $\quad N=$ number of respondents. Averages for all domains are based on a scale of 1 to 4 , with 1 being the undesirable end and 4 being the desirable end. High scores reflect more positive school climate. Dashes are printed where results are not reported for groups with fewer than seven respondents.

Notice. Pay special attention to the width of the confidence intervals for groups with small $N \mathrm{~s}$.

Note. Means (averages) and standard deviations are based on responses of participants in the survey sample. The extent to which they describe the school depends on the specific sampling design used in school surveys.

## Domain Averages by Sex and Ethnicity: Perceived Educational Equity

|  | Average | $S D$ | N | $90 \%$ Confidence Interval |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 2.55 | 0.47 | 97 | 2.47 | - | 2.63 |
| Female | 2.67 | 0.45 | 88 | 2.59 | - | 2.75 |
| Ethnicity |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Black or African American | 2.60 | 0.44 | 73 | 2.52 | - | 2.69 |
| White or European American | 2.66 | 0.48 | 78 | 2.57 | - | 2.75 |
| Native American or Alaskan Native | - | - | 2 | - | - |  |
| Asian American or Pacific Islander | 2.46 | 0.22 | 8 | 2.33 | - | 2.59 |
| Latino | - | - | 5 | - | - |  |
| Multiracial or other | 2.58 | 0.63 | 13 | 2.29 | - | 2.87 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 2.61 | 0.46 | 185 | 2.55 | - | 2.67 |

Note. $S D=$ sample standard deviation. $N=$ number of respondents. Averages for all domains are based on a scale of 1 to 4 , with 1 being the undesirable end and 4 being the desirable end. High scores reflect more positive school climate. Dashes are printed where results are not reported for groups with fewer than seven respondents.

Caution. Results from any groups with a small number of survey participants may be subject to large margins of error. Attend to the confidence intervals.

Note. Means (averages) and standard deviations are based on responses of participants in the survey sample. The extent to which they describe the school depends on the specific design used in school surveys.

Sample High School
December 2001

School Diversity Inventory
Student Questionnaire

## Equity Outcomes By Sex

|  | Percent responding "True" |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Item | Total |  | Boys |
| Girls |  |  |  |
| [This school year, I have participated in] school athletic events | 51.6 | 57.1 | 45.6 |
| (soccer, softball, swimming, volleyball, wrestling, basketball, or | $(188)$ | $(98)$ | $(90)$ |
| other sport). |  |  |  |
| [This school year, I have participated in] student council, student | 22.3 | 18.4 | 26.7 |
| government, political club. | $(188)$ | $(98)$ | $(90)$ |
| [This school year, I have participated in] speech or debate. | 13.8 | 13.3 | 14.4 |
|  | $(188)$ | $(98)$ | $(90)$ |
| I am taking an English course at a more advanced level than other | 37.3 | 35.7 | 39.1 |
| students of my age. | $(185)$ | $(98)$ | $(87)$ |
| I am taking a math course at a more advanced level than other | 31.4 | 32.7 | 30.0 |
| students of my age. | $(188)$ | $(98)$ | $(90)$ |
| I am taking at least one course intended for students who are | 43.9 | 44.9 | 42.7 |
| "gifted and talented." | $(187)$ | $(98)$ | $(89)$ |
| I am taking a science course at a more advanced level than other | 33.2 | 32.0 | 34.4 |
| students of my age. | $(187)$ | $(97)$ | $(90)$ |
| I have received a certificate or award for outstanding educational | 34.0 | 29.6 | 38.9 |
| performance in this school. | $(188)$ | $(98)$ | $(90)$ |

Note. Number in parentheses is the number of students who answered the question.

## Equity Outcomes By Race/Ethnicity

| Item | Percent responding "True" |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | African <br> Amer. | Euro-p ean Amer. | Native <br> Amer. | Asian <br> Amer. | Latino | Multiracial /other |
| [This school year, I have participated in] school athletic events (soccer, softball, swimming, volleyball, wrestling, basketball, or other sport). | $\begin{array}{r} 51.6 \\ (188) \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 54.7 \\ & (75) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 50.0 \\ & (78) \end{aligned}$ | (2) | $\begin{array}{r} 50.0 \\ (8) \end{array}$ | (6) | $\begin{aligned} & 69.2 \\ & \text { (13) } \end{aligned}$ |
| [This school year, I have participated in] student council, student government, political club. | $\begin{array}{r} 22.3 \\ (188) \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 25.3 \\ & (75) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 19.2 \\ & (78) \end{aligned}$ | (2) | $\begin{array}{r} 12.5 \\ (8) \end{array}$ | (6) | $\begin{aligned} & 30.8 \\ & (13) \end{aligned}$ |
| [This school year, I have participated in] speech or debate. | $\begin{array}{r} 13.8 \\ (188) \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 17.3 \\ & (75) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 7.7 \\ (78) \end{array}$ | (2) | $\begin{array}{r} 25.0 \\ (8) \end{array}$ | (6) | $\begin{aligned} & 23.1 \\ & \text { (13) } \end{aligned}$ |
| I am taking an English course at a more advanced level than other students of my age. | $\begin{array}{r} 37.3 \\ (185) \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 31.9 \\ & (72) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 42.3 \\ & (78) \end{aligned}$ | (2) | $\begin{array}{r} 12.5 \\ (8) \end{array}$ | (6) | $\begin{aligned} & 46.2 \\ & \text { (13) } \end{aligned}$ |
| I am taking a math course at a more advanced level than other students of my age. | $\begin{array}{r} 31.4 \\ (188) \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 24.0 \\ & (75) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 37.2 \\ & (78) \end{aligned}$ | (2) | $\begin{array}{r} 25.0 \\ (8) \end{array}$ | (6) | $\begin{aligned} & 46.2 \\ & (13) \end{aligned}$ |
| I am taking at least one course intended for students who are "gifted and talented." | $\begin{array}{r} 43.9 \\ (187) \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 37.3 \\ & (75) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 47.4 \\ & (78) \end{aligned}$ | (2) | $\begin{array}{r} 37.5 \\ (8) \end{array}$ | (6) | $\begin{aligned} & 50.0 \\ & (12) \end{aligned}$ |
| I am taking a science course at a more advanced level than other students of my age. | $\begin{array}{r} 33.2 \\ (187) \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 20.3 \\ & (74) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 43.6 \\ & (78) \end{aligned}$ | (2) | $\begin{array}{r} 25.0 \\ (8) \end{array}$ | (6) | $\begin{aligned} & 46.2 \\ & \text { (13) } \end{aligned}$ |
| I have received a certificate or award for outstanding educational performance in this school. | $\begin{array}{r} 34.0 \\ (188) \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 30.7 \\ & (75) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 43.6 \\ & (78) \end{aligned}$ | $(\overline{2)}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.0 \\ (8) \end{gathered}$ | (6) | $\begin{aligned} & 30.8 \\ & (13) \end{aligned}$ |

Note. Number in parentheses is the number of students who answered the question. Dashes are printed where results are not reported for groups with fewer than seven respondents.

## Statement Responses: Diversity Policy and Practices

| Statement | Percentage choosing response |  |  |  | Average | $N$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | SD | D | A | SA |  |  |
| Both boys and girls can join all school activities. | 5.6 | 10.7 | 42.1 | 41.6 | 3.20 | 197 |
| This school admits that some students are different from others, and makes sure people know it is OK to be different. | 7.7 | 19.5 | 56.4 | 16.4 | 2.82 | 195 |
| People in the school speak openly about stopping bullying or teasing others because of their group membership. | 19.6 | 49.5 | 24.7 | 6.2 | 2.18 | 194 |
| Everyone in this school knows what to do if a person is treated unfairly or bothered because of his or her race/ethnicity or sex. | 12.4 | 38.9 | 37.3 | 11.4 | 2.48 | 193 |
| My school does not allow anyone to be treated unfairly because of race or ethnicity. | 16.0 | 29.9 | 43.8 | 10.3 | 2.48 | 194 |
| My school helps people of different ethnic groups understand each other. | 15.5 | 39.4 | 39.4 | 5.7 | 2.35 | 193 |
| This school makes all kinds of people feel welcome and comfortable. | 12.8 | 26.6 | 48.4 | 12.2 | 2.60 | 188 |
| In the cafeteria or at school events, this school serves food that comes from different cultures (African, Asian, Latino, Polish, etc.) | 25.3 | 33.3 | 34.4 | 7.0 | 2.23 | 186 |
| In this school we are taught how to talk with people who are different from ourselves. | 15.3 | 37.8 | 36.7 | 10.2 | 2.42 | 196 |
| In this school we are taught how to solve problems and avoid fights with people who are different from ourselves. | 14.4 | 39.7 | 36.6 | 9.3 | 2.41 | 194 |
| Note. $\quad$ SD $=$ Strongly Disagree, $\mathrm{D}=$ Disagree, $\mathrm{A}=$ Agree, $\mathrm{SA}=$ Strongly Agree. In computing item average scores, 1 indicates the least desirable response and 4 indicates the most desirable response. For positively scored statements, "Strongly Disagree" $=1$ and "Strongly Agree" $=4$. For reverse scored statements, "Strongly Agree" $=1$ and "Strongly Disagree" $=4$. For all item average scores, higher scores are more desirable. |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Statement Responses: Openness to Diversity

| Statement | Percentage choosing response |  |  |  | Average | $N$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | SD | D | A | SA |  |  |
| Students of different ethnic/racial groups want to work together in this school. | 3.6 | 19.8 | 55.3 | 21.3 | 2.94 | 197 |
| Most people in this school want people from all ethnic/racial groups to be treated fairly. | 3.1 | 15.4 | 48.2 | 33.3 | 3.12 | 195 |
| Students should have to learn about people from different cultural/ethnic groups. | 12.4 | 18.0 | 50.0 | 19.6 | 2.77 | 194 |
| Teachers and school staff who are members of one group try to learn from people who are members of other groups. | 6.5 | 27.0 | 58.4 | 8.1 | 2.68 | 185 |
| Students who are members of one group try to learn from people who are members of other groups. | 10.6 | 37.2 | 49.5 | 8.1 | 2.44 | 188 |
| In this school students can talk about their own views and learn the views of students from other groups who may think differently about things. | 7.4 | 23.4 | 55.9 | 13.3 | 2.75 | 188 |
| Teachers and students in this school have talked about different groups' views on race/ethnicity so that students learn how different groups feel and think. | 10.6 | 29.8 | 43.1 | 16.5 | 2.65 | 188 |
| In this school students can tell how they think and they can listen to the opinions of members of other race/ethnic groups in areas where opinions may differ. | 9.1 | 30.1 | 52.7 | 8.1 | 2.60 | 186 |

Note. $\mathrm{SD}=$ Strongly Disagree, $\mathrm{D}=$ Disagree, $\mathrm{A}=$ Agree, $\mathrm{SA}=$ Strongly Agree. In computing item average scores, 1 indicates the least desirable response and 4 indicates the most desirable response. For positively scored statements, "Strongly Disagree" $=1$ and "Strongly Agree" $=4$. For reverse scored statements, "Strongly Agree" $=1$ and "Strongly Disagree" $=4$. For all item average scores, higher scores are more desirable.

## Statement Responses: Diversity Knowledge and Role Models

| Statement | Percentage choosing response |  |  |  | Average | $N$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | SD | D | A | SA |  |  |
| In this school, students learn about leaders from different cultural groups. | 4.1 | 29.0 | 51.3 | 15.5 | 2.78 | 193 |
| In this school, student read the writings of people from different racial/ethnic groups. | 6.3 | 25.0 | 51.6 | 17.2 | 2.80 | 192 |
| This school teaches about the advances in science made by both women and men. | 3.6 | 19.3 | 53.6 | 23.4 | 2.97 | 192 |
| This school displays examples of success by members of many racial/ethnic groups. | 4.8 | 17.0 | 60.1 | 18.1 | 2.91 | 188 |
| Most teachers and school staff know about the culture and history of the main ethnic/racial groups in America. | 6.4 | 29.4 | 51.3 | 12.8 | 2.71 | 187 |
| Most students know about the culture and history of the main ethnic/racial groups in America. | 7.4 | 36.3 | 47.9 | 8.4 | 2.57 | 190 |
| There are adults in this school who are good examples of what I can be or do when I am an adult, and are members of my own racial, ethnic, or other group. | 8.4 | 21.1 | 48.4 | 22.1 | 2.84 | 190 |

Note. $\mathrm{SD}=$ Strongly Disagree, $\mathrm{D}=$ Disagree, $\mathrm{A}=$ Agree, $\mathrm{SA}=$ Strongly Agree. In computing item average scores, 1 indicates the least desirable response and 4 indicates the most desirable response. For positively scored statements, "Strongly Disagree" $=1$ and "Strongly Agree" $=4$. For reverse scored statements, "Strongly Agree" $=1$ and "Strongly Disagree" $=4$. For all item average scores, higher scores are more desirable.

## Statement Responses: School Accessibility

|  | Percentage choosing response |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | SD | D | A | SA | Average | $N$ |  |  |
| This school makes it known that it will help <br> people with hearing, visual, or physical <br> difficulties. | 5.4 | 22.3 | 53.8 | 18.5 | 2.85 | 184 |  |  |
| People with physical disabilities could find it <br> hard getting to all places in this school. * | 8.1 | 45.4 | 35.7 | 10.8 | 2.51 | 185 |  |  |
| Events are held away from school for students <br> and families who might not want to come to | 16.3 | 44.0 | 33.2 | 6.5 | 2.30 | 184 |  |  |
| the school. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cost does not prevent students from taking <br> part in school events. | 16.8 | 39.5 | 35.7 | 8.1 | 2.35 | 185 |  |  |
| The school makes it known that it will try to <br> communicate with students' homes in more <br> than one language. | 14.8 | 37.7 | 41.5 | 6.0 | 2.39 | 183 |  |  |
| It is hard for some students and families who <br> live far from the school to get to school <br> activities. * | 2.2 | 23.1 | 53.8 | 20.9 | 2.07 | 182 |  |  |

Note. $\quad \mathrm{SD}=$ Strongly Disagree, $\mathrm{D}=$ Disagree, $\mathrm{A}=$ Agree, $\mathrm{SA}=$ Strongly Agree. In computing item average scores, 1 indicates the least desirable response and 4 indicates the most desirable response. For positively scored statements, "Strongly Disagree" = 1 and "Strongly Agree" = 4. For reverse scored statements, "Strongly Agree" = 1 and "Strongly Disagree" = 4. For all item average scores, higher scores are more desirable.

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## Statement Responses: Respectful Climate

| Statement | Percentage choosing response |  |  |  | Average | $N$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | SD | D | A | SA |  |  |
| Teachers treat students with respect regardless of their sex. | 9.6 | 19.8 | 53.8 | 16.8 | 2.78 | 197 |
| Some people in this school don't help students from minority ethnic/racial groups get ahead. * | 13.5 | 43.5 | 34.7 | 8.3 | 2.62 | 193 |
| Students would rather be in a school without kids from some other race. * | 32.0 | 45.9 | 16.0 | 6.2 | 3.04 | 194 |
| Boys and girls treat each other with respect in this school. | 14.4 | 25.1 | 50.8 | 9.7 | 2.56 | 195 |
| Persons with disabilities are treated with respect in this school. | 7.1 | 27.0 | 45.4 | 20.4 | 2.79 | 196 |
| Persons of different beliefs and traditions treat each other with respect in this school. | 4.1 | 21.5 | 60.0 | 14.4 | 2.85 | 195 |
| People in this school have respect for others whose opinions differ from their own. | 8.7 | 35.4 | 49.2 | 6.7 | 2.54 | 195 |
| If a student were being teased or bothered because of his or her race or ethnicity, most other students would try to stop it. | 15.0 | 50.3 | 31.6 | 3.1 | 2.23 | 193 |
| If a student were telling a joke about another student's race, most other students would laugh at the joke. * | 1.5 | 15.5 | 45.4 | 37.6 | 1.81 | 194 |
| Many students think it is rude when other students speak to each other in a language other than English. * | 10.8 | 48.6 | 25.9 | 14.6 | 2.56 | 185 |
| Students and teachers help students who speak a language other than English in their homes feel comfortable using that language in school. | 6.6 | 27.9 | 54.1 | 11.5 | 2.70 | 183 |

Note. $\quad$ SD = Strongly Disagree, $\mathrm{D}=$ Disagree, $\mathrm{A}=\mathrm{Agree}, \mathrm{SA}=$ Strongly Agree. In computing item average scores, 1 indicates the least desirable response and 4 indicates the most desirable response. For positively scored statements, "Strongly Disagree" = 1 and "Strongly Agree" $=4$. For reverse scored
statements, "Strongly Agree" = 1 and "Strongly Disagree" = 4. For all item average scores, higher scores are more desirable.

* Reverse-scored statement.


## Statement Responses: Intergroup Civility

|  | Percentage choosing response |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Statement | SD | D | A | SA | Average | $N$ |  |
| Students make fun of others who stutter, lisp, <br> or have difficulty speaking. * | 3.6 | 20.4 | 49.0 | 27.0 | 2.01 | 196 |  |
| In this school people make rude remarks <br> about boys or men. * | 8.2 | 41.8 | 36.2 | 13.8 | 2.44 | 196 |  |
| Students of one ethnic/racial group are hurt or <br> bothered by members of another group. * | 9.7 | 41.0 | 36.4 | 12.8 | 2.48 | 195 |  |
| Some students or staff are teased or harassed <br> because of their ethnicity or race. * | 14.4 | 50.5 | 28.9 | 6.2 | 2.73 | 194 |  |
| Students from one group sometimes threaten <br> other students because of the group they <br> belong to. * | 5.8 | 34.0 | 44.0 | 16.2 | 2.29 | 191 |  |
| Students have been picked on by other <br> students at school because of the way they <br> think about things. * | 3.8 | 20.5 | 50.8 | 24.9 | 2.03 | 185 |  |
| At school, I have heard people making racial <br> insults. * | 1.6 | 15.2 | 40.8 | 42.4 | 1.76 | 184 |  |
| In this school, people make rude remarks <br> about girls or women. * | 6.5 | 21.1 | 43.8 | 28.6 | 2.05 | 185 |  |

Note. $\quad \mathrm{SD}=$ Strongly Disagree, $\mathrm{D}=$ Disagree, $\mathrm{A}=$ Agree, $\mathrm{SA}=$ Strongly Agree. In computing item average scores, 1 indicates the least desirable response and 4 indicates the most desirable response. For positively scored statements, "Strongly Disagree" $=1$ and "Strongly Agree" $=4$. For reverse scored statements, "Strongly Agree" = 1 and "Strongly Disagree" $=4$. For all item average scores, higher scores are more desirable.

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## Statement Responses: Race/Ethnic Group Relations

|  | Percentage choosing response |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | SD | D | A | SA | Average | $N$ |  |  |
| Statement | 4.6 | 19.4 | 56.1 | 19.9 | 2.91 | 196 |  |  |
| Students of different ethnic/racial groups help other at school. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Teachers and school staff who are members <br> of different ethnic/racial groups want to work <br> together in this school. | 5.3 | 16.0 | 60.1 | 18.6 | 2.92 | 188 |  |  |
| Students who are members of different <br> ethnic/racial groups want to work together in <br> this school. | 6.9 | 25.5 | 58.5 | 9.0 | 2.70 | 188 |  |  |
| Teachers and school staff who are members <br> of one race usually spend free time with <br> members of their own group. * | 2.7 | 37.3 | 46.5 | 13.5 | 2.29 | 185 |  |  |
| Students who are members of one race <br> usually spend free time with members of their <br> own group. | 2.1 | 20.7 | 53.2 | 23.9 | 2.01 | 188 |  |  |

Note. $\quad \mathrm{SD}=$ Strongly Disagree, $\mathrm{D}=$ Disagree, $\mathrm{A}=$ Agree, $\mathrm{SA}=$ Strongly Agree. In computing item average scores, 1 indicates the least desirable response and 4 indicates the most desirable response. For positively scored statements, "Strongly Disagree" $=1$ and "Strongly Agree" $=4$. For reverse scored statements, "Strongly Agree" $=1$ and "Strongly Disagree" $=4$. For all item average scores, higher scores are more desirable.

* Reverse-scored statement.


## Statement Responses: Male/Female Interaction

|  | Percentage choosing response |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | SD | D | A | SA | Average | $N$ |  |  |
| Statement | 12.1 | 34.7 | 42.6 | 10.5 | 2.52 | 190 |  |  |
| Boys freely join school social activities where <br> most participants are girls. | 8.4 | 38.4 | 44.7 | 8.4 | 2.53 | 190 |  |  |
| Girls freely join school social activities where <br> most participants are boys. | 1.6 | 13.7 | 55.3 | 29.5 | 3.13 | 190 |  |  |
| In classes, boys and girls work well together <br> on projects and assignments. | 2.8 | 16.8 | 58.4 | 21.1 | 2.97 | 185 |  |  |
| Teachers and school staff of different sexes <br> eat lunch together and hang out together when <br> they are not teaching. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Students of different sexes eat lunch together <br> and hang out together when they are not in <br> class. | 2.1 | 9.5 | 40.7 | 47.6 | 3.34 | 189 |  |  |

Note. $\quad \mathrm{SD}=$ Strongly Disagree, $\mathrm{D}=$ Disagree, $\mathrm{A}=$ Agree, $\mathrm{SA}=$ Strongly Agree. In computing item average scores, 1 indicates the least desirable response and 4 indicates the most desirable response. For positively scored statements, "Strongly Disagree" $=1$ and "Strongly Agree" $=4$. For reverse scored statements, "Strongly Agree" $=1$ and "Strongly Disagree" $=4$. For all item average scores, higher scores are more desirable.

## Statement Responses: Social Group Interaction

|  | Percentage choosing response |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | SD | D | A | SA | Average | $N$ |  |  |
| Statement |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Groups of students who hang out together <br> often exclude kids from other groups. * | 5.7 | 27.3 | 46.4 | 20.6 | 2.18 | 194 |  |  |
| It is easy for a student from one group to be <br> accepted in a different group. | 18.2 | 41.1 | 35.4 | 5.2 | 2.28 | 192 |  |  |
| Students who are members of some groups do <br> not participate in some school activities <br> because they do not fit in. * | 4.7 | 14.6 | 55.2 | 25.5 | 1.98 | 192 |  |  |
| All kinds of students feel welcome to join <br> athletic teams, clubs, and other activities in <br> my school. | 16.0 | 24.7 | 42.3 | 17.0 | 2.60 | 194 |  |  |
| Some students avoid some school activities <br> because they feel that they are not welcome <br> because of their social group. * | 5.7 | 25.4 | 48.2 | 20.7 | 2.16 | 193 |  |  |

Note. $\quad \mathrm{SD}=$ Strongly Disagree, $\mathrm{D}=$ Disagree, $\mathrm{A}=$ Agree, $\mathrm{SA}=$ Strongly Agree. In computing item average scores, 1 indicates the least desirable response and 4 indicates the most desirable response. For positively scored statements, "Strongly Disagree" $=1$ and "Strongly Agree" $=4$. For reverse scored statements, "Strongly Agree" = 1 and "Strongly Disagree" $=4$. For all item average scores, higher scores are more desirable.

* Reverse-scored statement.


## Statement Responses: Perceived Educational Equity

|  | Percentage choosing response |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Statement | SD | D | A | SA | Average | $N$ |  |
| If a student breaks a school rule, the <br> punishment is the same for boys and girls. | 7.7 | 21.5 | 37.9 | 32.8 | 2.96 | 195 |  |
| Most teachers favor students of their own <br> ethnic/racial group. * | 11.8 | 48.2 | 28.2 | 11.8 | 2.60 | 195 |  |
| Most teachers favor students of their own sex. <br> * | 18.9 | 59.7 | 16.8 | 4.6 | 2.93 | 196 |  |
| The school unfairly treats members of some <br> racial/ethnic groups as trouble makers. * | 12.4 | 40.2 | 28.9 | 18.6 | 2.46 | 194 |  |
| All math and science classes for high ability <br> students are about half boys and half girls. | 11.5 | 25.7 | 50.3 | 12.6 | 2.64 | 183 |  |
| All math and science classes for high ability <br> students have students from all ethnic/race <br> groups in the school. | 17.5 | 24.6 | 45.9 | 12.0 | 2.52 | 183 |  |
| Students have been treated unfairly by a <br> teacher because of their race or ethnic group* | 11.3 | 40.9 | 35.5 | 12.4 | 2.51 | 186 |  |
| Students have been treated unfairly by a <br> teacher because of their sex. * | 11.8 | 43.0 | 35.5 | 9.7 | 2.57 | 186 |  |
| Students have been treated unfairly by a <br> teacher because of their life style or what they <br> like. * | 5.9 | 34.9 | 40.3 | 18.8 | 2.28 | 186 |  |

Note. $\mathrm{SD}=$ Strongly Disagree, $\mathrm{D}=$ Disagree, $\mathrm{A}=$ Agree, $\mathrm{SA}=$ Strongly Agree. In computing item average scores, 1 indicates the least desirable response and 4 indicates the most desirable response. For positively scored statements, "Strongly Disagree" = 1 and "Strongly Agree" = 4. For reverse scored statements, "Strongly Agree" = 1 and "Strongly Disagree" = 4. For all item average scores, higher scores are more desirable.

* Reverse-scored statement.


## Appendix A: Guide to Technical Information in Tables

This appendix explains the technical information shown in the tables in this report. All people using this report should understand the meaning of the percentages, averages, and confidence intervals presented in the tables. The meaning of confidence intervals is described in Appendix B. All users should also understand the importance of examining the survey response rate and the number of persons reporting for the school or any subgroup.

SDI reports contain additional information that is intended for use by evaluation specialists. Not all users of this report will need to understand all of the technical information presented.

Response rate. The response rate is important. Consider both the number of individuals upon which results are based and the percentage of individuals who completed questionnaires. If the number of respondents is small, results may have large margins of error. If a response rate for a school is low (below $80 \%$ ) consider the possibility that the survey may not represent the school well or may not have been well conducted. The response rates contained in this report are based on information provided to the scoring service about the population size (denominator) and counts of answer documents scored (numerator).

Demographic characteristics of respondents. The table showing the demographic composition (sex, grade, race/ethnicity) of respondents is based on the self-identification of survey respondents. The table shows the number of respondents in each category (column labeled " $n$ ") and the percentage of those respondents who indicated their category membership who fall in each category (column headed \%).

Domain score reports. The principal tables of results are organized first by SDI domain score (Diversity Policies and Practices, Openness to Diversity, Diversity Knowledge and Role Models, and so on) and then by respondent groupings (sex, ethnicity). Results for groups smaller than 7 are not reported. Users of the SDI should focus their attention on these domain scores.

Columns headed " $N$ " show the number of respondents on which the remainder of the information in each row is based. In many cases the $N s$ shown in the rows of the score reports are somewhat smaller than the total number of respondents in the groups. This occurs when individuals fail to respond to enough of the specific items (individual statements) that are used to calculate a domain score that the score can not be calculated for those individuals.

Columns headed "Average" show the average domain score for respondents in each group. Scores for all domains potentially range from 1 to 4 , with 1 being the low (undesirable) end of the scale and 4 being the high (desirable) end of the scale. In other words, higher scores reflect more positive school climate.

Columns headed "SD" report the standard deviation of scores for each group. The standard deviation (along with the average and number of respondents) is information required by evaluation personnel for estimating the statistical significance of certain differences. Most users can interpret SDI results without an understanding of the standard deviation. In nontechnical terms, it is a measure of how much variability around the mean was observed in the scores of individual respondents. The larger the standard deviation, the greater the variability around the average score.

The columns headed " $90 \%$ Conf. Int." make the range of plausible values for the average clear.

The probability that a score lies outside the confidence interval (lower bound to upper bound) shown is $10 \%$ or less. (See appendix B for an explanation of confidence intervals and why the intervals tabled are usually conservative.)

Detailed tabulation of item responses by domain. Tables show the percentage distribution of respondents choosing each response alternative for every item (statement) in each domain. Percentages add to $100 \%$ across the rows. The columns headed "Average" and " $N$ " show the mean score for each item and the number of persons responding to each item. Scores are on a scale of 1 to 4 where 4 is the most desirable response.

## Comparing Schools and Groups and Examining Change Over Time

In making comparisons among groups, or when comparing your school's results on successive assessments, use the score averages and confidence intervals. If the confidence intervals for two groups overlap, a difference in the sample estimates of the average Domain Scores for these groups may have arisen by chance. If the confidence intervals do not overlap, it is not plausible to assume that the averages are actually equal. Standard deviations and sample sizes are provided to help district evaluation personnel apply statistical tests for the significance of changes over time or of differences among schools. Appendix B provides further information on using confidence intervals.

## Appendix B: Confidence Intervals for School Diversity Inventory Results

All estimates from sample surveys involve some degree of error. This appendix will help you understand how sampling error may influence the SDI results for your school or for a specific group in a school.

Some of the survey features that influence the amount of error in an estimate made from the school assessment include the following:

- The number of individuals included in the sample. Other things being equal, the larger the number of individuals in a simple random sample or subsample, the smaller the sampling error.
- Whether all or most persons are included or if only some persons are included. Other things being equal, the larger the fraction of individuals in a school who are included in a sample, the smaller the sampling error. This means that in a small school, if all or nearly all persons have been included in a survey, sampling errors can be small or negligible.
- How the sample was designed. Sample size and other things being equal, sampling from within well chosen strata can decrease sampling error. On the other hand, sampling of intact classrooms or homerooms usually produces sampling errors that are considerably larger than those produced by simple random samples of the same number of persons, and it may be necessary to utilize weighting of the data to produce unbiased estimates. ${ }^{1}$

The SDI's developers have recommended that schools include all students and all educators in a school in surveys - or use large simple random samples of individuals - because this will avoid introducing bias in the sampling, weighting is not required to represent the school, and special expertise in sampling is not required (although a person with training in research methods should be involved in drawing even simple random samples). SDs and confidence intervals in this report assume simple random sampling.

## Confidence Intervals for Percentages

Table B-1 provides $90 \%$ confidence intervals for percentages estimated from samples of different sizes. To use the table, find the sub-table for the sample size ( $N$ ) closest to the sample size on which your percentage is based. Then look down the column headed $\%$ to find the percentage closest to that estimated from your sample. Then look across the row to read the lower and upper bounds of the confidence interval. The probability is .90 that the population proportion is greater than the lower bound of the confidence interval and less than the upper bound of the confidence interval. In other words, there is only a 1 in 10 chance that the population proportion is outside this range of percentages.

The confidence intervals shown in Table B-1 are usually conservative because they are based on an assumption of simple random sampling from an infinitely large population. Because no school's population is infinitely large, the tabled values overestimate the width of the confidence intervals. ${ }^{2}$

[^2]Not all values are tabled, but you can approximate the width of the confidence band around a sample percentage not tabled by assuming that it will be about as wide as the band for nearby percentages that are tabled. Notice that the confidence bands are not symmetrical for very large and very small percentages.

In comparing percentages based on the responses of two separate groups-say boys and girls-find the confidence bands for each percentage. If the confidence bands do not overlap, you can be reasonably confident that the difference observed in your samples did not arise by chance.

## Confidence Intervals for Domain Scores

Tables showing domain scores in this school report present $90 \%$ confidence intervals for means (averages). These confidence intervals are based on the assumption of simple random sampling from a very large population. If all students were included in the sample-or if a large fraction of the individuals in the school population were included in a simple random sample-then these confidence intervals are conservative.

The probability is .90 that the population mean domain score is greater than the lower bound of the confidence interval and less than the upper bound of the confidence interval. In other words, there is only a 1 in 10 chance that the population mean is outside the confidence band.

The same survey features that influence the size of sampling errors for proportions influence the size of errors for means. If intact classrooms are sampled, or if some other deviation from simple random sampling or inclusion of all persons in samples is used, you may wish to consult a sampling statistician or scientist knowledgeable about the design of and estimation of errors from complex samples.

In comparing percentages based on the responses of two separate groups-say Black students and White students-examine the confidence bands for each domain score. If the confidence bands do not overlap, you can be reasonably confident that the difference observed in your samples did not arise by chance.

Table B-1
$90 \%$ Confidence Intervals for Percentages for Samples of Different Sizes

| $N=25$ |  |  | $N=75$ |  |  | $N=125$ |  |  | $N=175$ |  |  | $N=225$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \% | Low | High | \% | Low | High | \% | Low | High | \% | Low | High | \% | Low | High |
| 0 | 0.0 | 9.8 | 0 | 0.0 | 3.5 | 0 | 0.0 | 2.1 | 0 | 0.0 | 1.5 | 0 | 0.0 | 1.2 |
| 5 | 1.3 | 17.5 | 5 | 2.2 | 10.9 | 5 | 2.6 | 9.3 | 5 | 2.9 | 8.5 | 5 | 3.1 | 8.0 |
| 10 | 3.7 | 24.1 | 10 | 5.6 | 17.2 | 10 | 6.4 | 15.3 | 10 | 6.9 | 14.4 | 10 | 7.2 | 13.8 |
| 15 | 6.7 | 30.1 | 15 | 9.4 | 23.0 | 15 | 10.5 | 21.0 | 15 | 11.1 | 20.0 | 15 | 11.5 | 19.3 |
| 20 | 10.1 | 35.8 | 20 | 13.5 | 28.6 | 20 | 14.8 | 26.5 | 20 | 15.5 | 25.4 | 20 | 16.0 | 24.7 |
| 25 | 13.7 | 41.2 | 25 | 17.7 | 34.0 | 25 | 19.2 | 31.9 | 25 | 20.0 | 30.7 | 25 | 20.6 | 30.0 |
| 30 | 17.5 | 46.4 | 30 | 22.1 | 39.3 | 30 | 23.7 | 37.1 | 30 | 24.6 | 36.0 | 30 | 25.2 | 35.2 |
| 35 | 21.5 | 51.4 | 35 | 26.6 | 44.4 | 35 | 28.4 | 42.3 | 35 | 29.3 | 41.1 | 35 | 30.0 | 40.4 |
| 40 | 25.6 | 56.3 | 40 | 31.2 | 49.5 | 40 | 33.1 | 47.3 | 40 | 34.1 | 46.2 | 40 | 34.8 | 45.5 |
| 45 | 29.9 | 61.0 | 45 | 35.9 | 54.5 | 45 | 37.9 | 52.3 | 45 | 38.9 | 51.2 | 45 | 39.6 | 50.5 |
| 50 | 34.4 | 65.6 | 50 | 40.7 | 59.3 | 50 | 42.7 | 57.3 | 50 | 43.8 | 56.2 | 50 | 44.5 | 55.5 |
| 55 | 39.0 | 70.1 | 55 | 45.5 | 64.1 | 55 | 47.7 | 62.1 | 55 | 48.8 | 61.1 | 55 | 49.5 | 60.4 |
| 60 | 43.7 | 74.4 | 60 | 50.5 | 68.8 | 60 | 52.7 | 66.9 | 60 | 53.8 | 65.9 | 60 | 54.5 | 65.2 |
| 65 | 48.6 | 78.5 | 65 | 55.6 | 73.4 | 65 | 57.7 | 71.6 | 65 | 58.9 | 70.7 | 65 | 59.6 | 70.0 |
| 70 | 53.6 | 82.5 | 70 | 60.7 | 77.9 | 70 | 62.9 | 76.3 | 70 | 64.0 | 75.4 | 70 | 64.8 | 74.8 |
| 75 | 58.8 | 86.3 | 75 | 66.0 | 82.3 | 75 | 68.1 | 80.8 | 75 | 69.3 | 80.0 | 75 | 70.0 | 79.4 |
| 80 | 64.2 | 89.9 | 80 | 71.4 | 86.5 | 80 | 73.5 | 85.2 | 80 | 74.6 | 84.5 | 80 | 75.3 | 84.0 |
| 85 | 69.9 | 93.3 | 85 | 77.0 | 90.6 | 85 | 79.0 | 89.5 | 85 | 80.0 | 88.9 | 85 | 80.7 | 88.5 |
| 90 | 75.9 | 96.3 | 90 | 82.8 | 94.4 | 90 | 84.7 | 93.6 | 90 | 85.6 | 93.1 | 90 | 86.2 | 92.8 |
| 95 | 82.5 | 98.7 | 95 | 89.1 | 97.8 | 95 | 90.7 | 97.4 | 95 | 91.5 | 97.1 | 95 | 92.0 | 96.9 |
| 100 | 90.2 | 100.0 | 100 | 96.5 | 100.0 | 100 | 97.9 | 100.0 | 100 | 98.5 | 100.0 | 100 | 98.8 | 100.0 |
| $N=50$ |  |  | $N=100$ |  |  | $N=150$ |  |  | $N=200$ |  |  | $N=250$ |  |  |
| \% | Low | High | \% | Low | High | \% | Low | High | \% | Low | High | \% | Low | High |
| $0$ | 0.0 | 5.1 | 0 | 0.0 | 2.6 | 0 | 0.0 | 1.8 | 0 | 0.0 | 1.3 | 0 | 0.0 | 1.1 |
| 5 | 1.9 | 12.8 | 5 | 2.5 | 9.9 | 5 | 2.8 | 8.8 | 5 | 3.0 | 8.2 | 5 | 3.2 | 7.8 |
| 10 | 5.0 | 19.2 | 10 | 6.1 | 16.0 | 10 | 6.7 | 14.8 | 10 | 7.0 | 14.0 | 10 | 7.3 | 13.6 |
| $15$ | 8.5 | 25.1 | 15 | 10.1 | 21.8 | 15 | 10.8 | 20.4 | 15 | 11.3 | 19.6 | 15 | 11.7 | 19.1 |
| 20 | 12.3 | 30.7 | 20 | 14.2 | 27.3 | 20 | 15.2 | 25.9 | 20 | 15.8 | 25.0 | 20 | 16.2 | 24.5 |
| 25 | 16.4 | 36.2 | 25 | 18.6 | 32.7 | 25 | 19.7 | 31.2 | 25 | 20.3 | 30.3 | 25 | 20.8 | 29.8 |
| 30 | 20.6 | 41.5 | 30 | 23.1 | 38.0 | 30 | 24.2 | 36.5 | 30 | 25.0 | 35.6 | 30 | 25.5 | 35.0 |
| 35 | 24.9 | 46.6 | 35 | 27.6 | 43.1 | 35 | 28.9 | 41.6 | 35 | 29.7 | 40.7 | 35 | 30.2 | 40.1 |
| 40 | 29.4 | 51.6 | 40 | 32.3 | 48.2 | 40 | 33.7 | 46.7 | 40 | 34.5 | 45.8 | 40 | 35.0 | 45.2 |
| 45 | 34.0 | 56.5 | 45 | 37.1 | 53.2 | 45 | 38.5 | 51.7 | 45 | 39.3 | 50.8 | 45 | 39.9 | 50.2 |
| 50 | 38.7 | 61.3 | 50 | 41.9 | 58.1 | 50 | 43.3 | 56.7 | 50 | 44.2 | 55.8 | 50 | 44.8 | 55.2 |
| 55 | 43.5 | 66.0 | 55 | 46.8 | 62.9 | 55 | 48.3 | 61.5 | 55 | 49.2 | 60.7 | 55 | 49.8 | 60.1 |
| 60 | 48.4 | 70.6 | 60 | 51.8 | 67.7 | 60 | 53.3 | 66.3 | 60 | 54.2 | 65.5 | 60 | 54.8 | 65.0 |
| 65 | 53.4 | 75.1 | 65 | 56.9 | 72.4 | 65 | 58.4 | 71.1 | 65 | 59.3 | 70.3 | 65 | 59.9 | 69.8 |
| 70 | 58.5 | 79.4 | 70 | 62.0 | 76.9 | 70 | 63.5 | 75.8 | 70 | 64.4 | 75.0 | 70 | 65.0 | 74.5 |
| 75 | 63.8 | 83.6 | 75 | 67.3 | 81.4 | 75 | 68.8 | 80.3 | 75 | 69.7 | 79.7 | 75 | 70.2 | 79.2 |
| 80 | 69.3 | 87.7 | 80 | 72.7 | 85.8 | 80 | 74.1 | 84.8 | 80 | 75.0 | 84.2 | 80 | 75.5 | 83.8 |
| 85 | 74.9 | 91.5 | 85 | 78.2 | 89.9 | 85 | 79.6 | 89.2 | 85 | 80.4 | 88.7 | 85 | 80.9 | 88.3 |
| 90 | 80.8 | 95.0 | 90 | 84.0 | 93.9 | 90 | 85.2 | 93.3 | 90 | 86.0 | 93.0 | 90 | 86.4 | 92.7 |
| 95 | 87.2 | 98.1 | 95 | 90.1 | 97.5 | 95 | 91.2 | 97.2 | 95 | 91.8 | 97.0 | 95 | 92.2 | 96.8 |
| 100 | 94.9 | 100.0 | 100 | 97.4 | 100.0 | 100 | 98.2 | 100.0 | 100 | 98.7 | 100.0 | 100 | 98.9 | 100.0 |

Note. $N=$ number of individuals in sample. \% = estimate of percentage obtained from sample. Low $=$ lower bound of the $90 \%$ confidence interval for the population
percentage. High $=$ upper bound of the $90 \%$ confidence interval for the population percentage.

## Appendix C: School Student Profile



Note. The dark line shows the profile of T-scores for this school, and the lighter lines show the $80 \%$ confidence boundaries for this school's Tscore.


[^0]:    * Reverse-scored statement.

[^1]:    * Reverse-scored statement.

[^2]:    ${ }^{1}$ For complex samples (such as samples involving the sampling of intact classes), it is advisable to consult a sampling statistician or a behavioral scientist knowledgeable about the estimation of standard errors.
    ${ }^{2}$ Sampling of clusters of persons (such as intact classrooms) increases sampling errors. In such cases, the confidence intervals based on an assumption of simple random sampling may not be conservative.

