**Overview**
The ED School Climate Survey (EDSCLS) is a set of measurement tools on a web-based platform designed to assess three elements of school climate: engagement, safety, and the environment. Versions are available for students, parents, and instructional and non-instructional educators. The surveys are available on paper, but the responses must be entered electronically online. The online system produces reports for schools, districts, and states based on individual item and scale score responses. Universal data collection from all possible respondents is recommended.

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**Reporter**
- Student
- Caregiver
- Educator

**Purpose**
- Screening/Initial Assessment
- Progress Monitoring

**Versions**
- Student, 73 items (for grades 5-12)
- Caregiver, 43 items (for grades 5-12)
- Educator, 82 items (for grades 5-12)
- Educator (non-instructional), 103 items (for grades 5-12)

**Subscales**

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*Not included in student version  ^No subscales included in parent version

**Sample Items**
- Students at this school get along well with each other
- My teachers praise me when I work hard in school
- All students are treated the same regardless of whether their parents are rich or poor

**Response Options**
- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Agree
- Strongly agree

Includes additional response options

**Estimated Completion Time**
- Ten to fifteen minutes (43 items)
- Twenty to thirty minutes (73-103 items)

**Languages**
- English
- Spanish

**Cost**
- Free

**Access the measure:**
- Paper versions (English and Spanish)
- Online administration 2.7.3 (September 2017)

Summary compiled by CSMH (2017) for The SHAPE System (www.theSHAPEsystem.com)
Scoring

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**Administration & Scoring rules**

To use the **EDSCLS** for screening and progress monitoring:

- Administer the survey on the online platform*
  - The platform requires internet connection and approximately 6 to 8.2 GB of space
  - Student administration is recommended to occur in the school setting for standardization
- User-friendly data reports are generated, in real-time, that break down results by item-level frequencies and scale scores, as well as results in aggregate (e.g., by demographics within each category of respondent)
  - Graphical score reports allow side by side comparisons
  - Results will only be displayed for groups with 10 or more respondents in order to prevent indirect disclosure for groups with few respondents

**Interpretation**

- Criterion-based benchmark scores are provided to help with interpretation of the meaning of scores.
- Data interpretation guides are linked on the first page for each subscale; an overall “Data Interpretation Guide” on making school climate improvements is also available.
  - Scale scores (100 to 500) and item-level favorability interpretation (1 to 4): higher scores indicate more positive results
  - Local and national score comparisons
  - School- and district-level comparisons
  - Group comparison within (sub)scale (same respondent type only)
- The EDSCLS platform is not a national data collection and reporting system; meaning, the U.S. Department of Education will not have access to your data.
  - Rather, schools, districts, and state education agencies independently administer the survey and can store the data locally on their own computers and data systems.
  - Authorized users can export/download respondent-level data in order to “link” other individual-level student data (e.g., school records) for further analysis.
  - The export can also be used to send aggregate data to create district- or state-level reports.

**Handling blank items**

If submission rates fall below 80% for groups of respondents, a nonresponse bias analysis is recommended to determine whether or not those who completed the survey are representative of the population of interest (e.g., low parent response rate).

*See technical manual for instructions on web-based administration
School climate improvement self-assessment and action planner worksheet
Webinar series focusing on measuring school climate
First-hand user experience with EDSCLS survey and web-based platform