

# School Climate Report Card (High School)—2018-2019

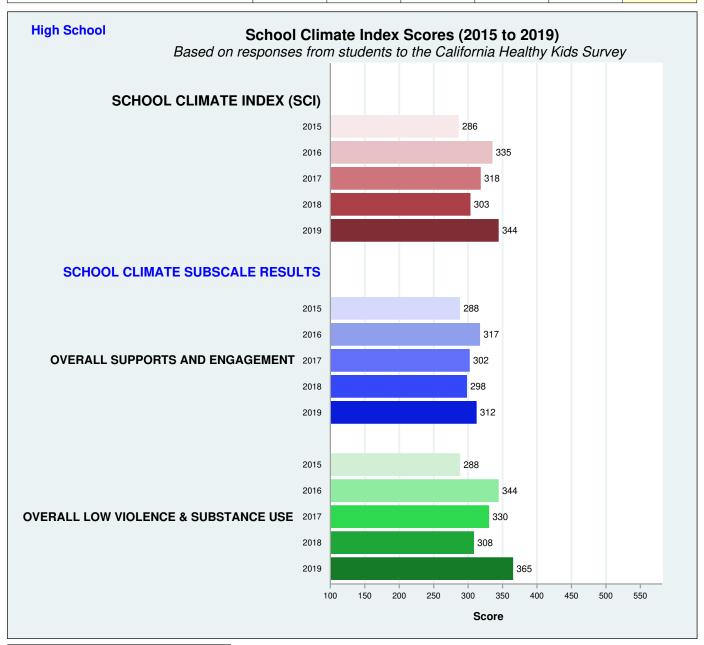
District: California Unified Date Prepared: 30 Jul 2019

School: California High

Response Rate: 77% (2015), 75% (2016), 75% (2017), 73% (2018), 77% (2019)

# School Climate Index (SCI)

|   | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | Change |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|--------|
| SCI Score <sup>A</sup>                      | 286  | 335  | 318  | 303  | 344  | +58    |
| SCI State Percentile <sup>B</sup>           | 39   | 78   | 65   | 52   | 83   | +44    |
| SCI Similar Schools Percentile <sup>B</sup> | 20   | 59   | 42   | 33   | 67   | +47    |



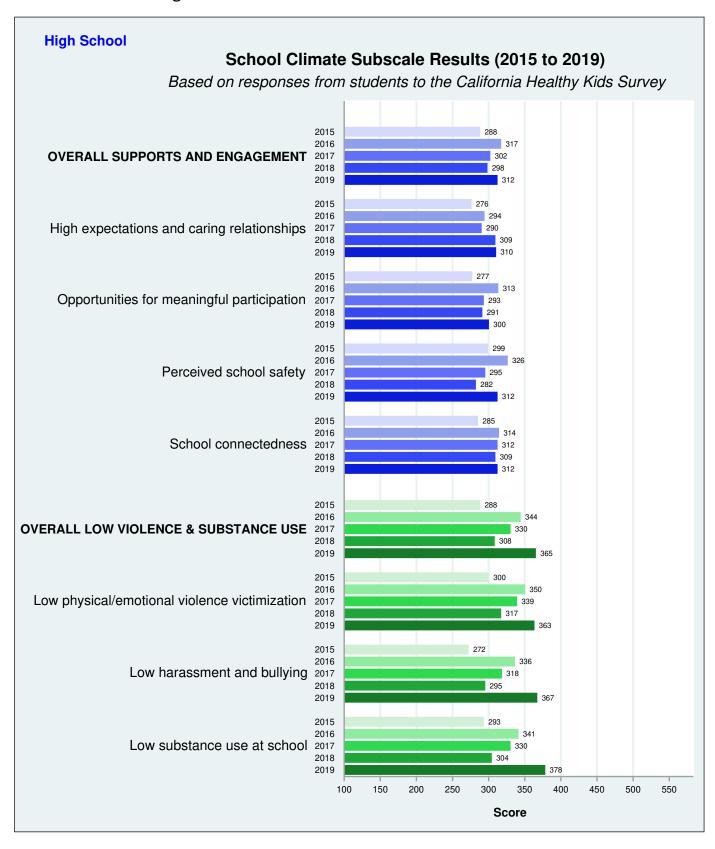
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>A</sup>Scores range from approximately 100 to 500, with **high scores representing more positive school climates**; higher supports and engagement; and lower levels of violence and substance use at school.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>B</sup>A school's *State Percentile* compares that school to other high schools in the state. A school's *Similar Schools Percentile* compares that school to other high schools in the state with similar demographic characteristics.

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# **School Climate Index Subscale Results**

|   | SCI Scores |      |      |      |      |        |  |
|---|------------|------|------|------|------|--------|--|
|   | 2015       | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | Change |  |
| Overall Supports and Engagement               | 288        | 317  | 302  | 298  | 312  | +24    |  |
| High expectations and caring relationships    | 276        | 294  | 290  | 309  | 310  | +34    |  |
| Opportunities for meaningful participation    | 277        | 313  | 293  | 291  | 300  | +23    |  |
| Perceived school safety                       | 299        | 326  | 295  | 282  | 312  | +13    |  |
| School connectedness                          | 285        | 314  | 312  | 309  | 312  | +27    |  |
| Overall Low Violence and Substance Use        | 288        | 344  | 330  | 308  | 365  | +77    |  |
| Low physical/emotional violence victimization | 300        | 350  | 339  | 317  | 363  | +63    |  |
| Low harassment and bullying                   | 272        | 336  | 318  | 295  | 367  | +95    |  |
| Low substance use at school                   | 293        | 341  | 330  | 304  | 378  | +85    |  |

### **Other Indicators**

# Selected Student-Reported Indicators (California Healthy Kids Survey – CHKS)

|  | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | Change |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|--------|
|  | (%)  | (%)  | (%)  | (%)  | (%)  |        |
| Try hard on school work                            | 81   | 80   | 83   | 86   | 82   | +1     |
| Truant more than a few times                       | 8    | 7    | 8    | 8    | 5    | -3     |
| Feel a part of the school                          | 51   | 55   | 54   | 55   | 52   | +1     |
| Safety at school                                   | 61   | 69   | 60   | 56   | 67   | +6     |
| Harassed or bullied at school                      | 27   | 22   | 24   | 26   | 19   | -8     |
| Parents feel welcome to participate at this school | ~    | 51   | 50   | 49   | 46   | -5     |
| School is usually clean and tidy                   | ~    | 52   | 46   | 47   | 50   | -2     |
| Experienced chronic sadness/hopelessness           | 33   | 26   | 28   | 34   | 33   | 0      |

Notes: A hyphen (–) is shown if no data are available.  $\sim$  —Data were not collected.

CDS code: 000000000000

## What is the School Climate Index (SCI)?

The School Climate Index (SCI) provides a state normed, school-level description of several factors that are known to influence learning success in schools. Scores on the SCI are based on **student CHKS data**. SCI scores can range from 100 to 500, with higher scores representing more positive school climates. During the 2015-2017 period, the average SCI score for all high schools in California was 300.

The SCI is calculated by computing the weighted average of two domains: (1) *Supports and Engagement* (50%); and (2) *Violence and Substance Use at School* (50%). The two domains are measured based on a statistical model applied to CHKS items. These two domains are themselves each measured by three or four subdomains, as listed below.

- (1) Overall Supports and Engagement (50%)
  - o High expectations and caring relationships (6 items)
  - o Opportunities for meaningful participation (3 items)
  - o Perceived school safety (2 items)
  - o School connectedness (4 items)
- (2) Overall Low Violence and Substance Use at School (50%)
  - o Low physical and emotional violence victimization at school (6 items)
  - o Low harassment and bullying at school (5 items)
  - o Low substance use at school (3 items)

Results are not included if less than 50% of students participated in the survey.

Further information about the methodology used to construct an earlier version of the SCI can be obtained in <u>Construction of California's School Climate Index</u> (<u>data.calschls.org/resources/</u> SCI\_Methodology071712b.pdf) or by contacting Tom Hanson at 562-799-5170 or thanson@WestEd.org.

### **State Percentile**

The *State Percentile* shows what percentage of high schools had the same SCI score as, or a lower SCI score than, the school referenced on the report card. Percentiles range from 1 to 99. For example, a *State Percentile* of 25 means that 25 percent of high schools in the state had the same SCI score as, or a lower SCI score than, the score listed. Percentiles are based on the distribution of SCI scores across all comprehensive high schools that administered the CHKS in the 2015-16 or 2016-17 school years. High percentile scores represent schools with more positive school climates.

### Similar Schools Percentile

The *Similar Schools Percentile* is the school rank relative to 100 other schools with similar demographic characteristics. For example, a *Similar Schools Percentile* of 70 means that 70 percent of high schools serving students with similar demographic characteristics had the same SCI score as, or a lower SCI score than, the school referenced on the report card.

## **Explanation of Other Indicators**

Results are provided on selected key student-reported school climate items as a complement to the normative SCI scores. These measures and their sources are described below.

## **Selected Student-Reported School Climate Measures (CHKS)**

- Try hard on school work "agree" or "strongly agree" that I try hard to make sure I am good at school work.
- Truant more than a few times skipped or cut classes more than a few times in the past 12 months.
- Feel a part of the school "agree" or "strongly agree" that I am a part of this school.
- Safety at school feel "safe" or "very safe" when I am at school.
- Harassed or bullied at school harassed or bullied on school property in past 12 months for any
  of the following reasons: (a) race, ethnicity, or national origin; (b) religion; (c) gender; (d) gay or
  lesbian or someone thought you were; (e) physical or mental disability.
- Parents feel welcome to participate at this school "agree" or "strongly agree" that parents feel welcome to participate at this school.
- School is usually clean and tidy "agree" or "strongly agree" that school is usually clean and tidy.
- Experienced chronic sadness/hopelessness felt sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more during the past 12 months.