

**POLK STATE
GATEWAY TO COLLEGE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL**

**SCHOOL CLIMATE
SURVEY
2017**

An external evaluator from Smart Teams created this report, summarizing the responses of Polk State Gateway to College Charter High School's stakeholders on the school's 2017 climate survey. The report provides an overall summary of survey results as well as an examination of responses by survey category.

Part 1

The Polk State Gateway to College Charter High School Climate Survey was administered to parents, students, and staff members in the winter and spring of the 2016-2017 school year. The number of participants in each category included:

- 37 parents
- 82 students
- 9 staff members

These numbers represent approximately 21% of the school's parents, 46% of students, and 100% of full-time staff.

Survey items are organized around seven categories or correlates associated with characteristics that are evident in highly effective schools. Categories include:

- Correlate 1/Safe and Orderly Environment
- Correlate 2/High Expectations
- Correlate 3/Instructional Leadership
- Correlate 4/Clear School Mission
- Correlate 5/Opportunity to Learn
- Correlate 6/Frequent Monitoring of Student Progress
- Correlate 7/Home-School Community Relationship

The survey template lists 24 statements about the school. For each survey item, the respondent is asked to indicate whether he or she strongly disagrees (1), disagrees (2), agrees (3), or strongly agrees (4).

Part 2 (page 4) of this report, provides a summary of responses by correlate for each stakeholder group. Selected overall observations for all respondents are as listed below:

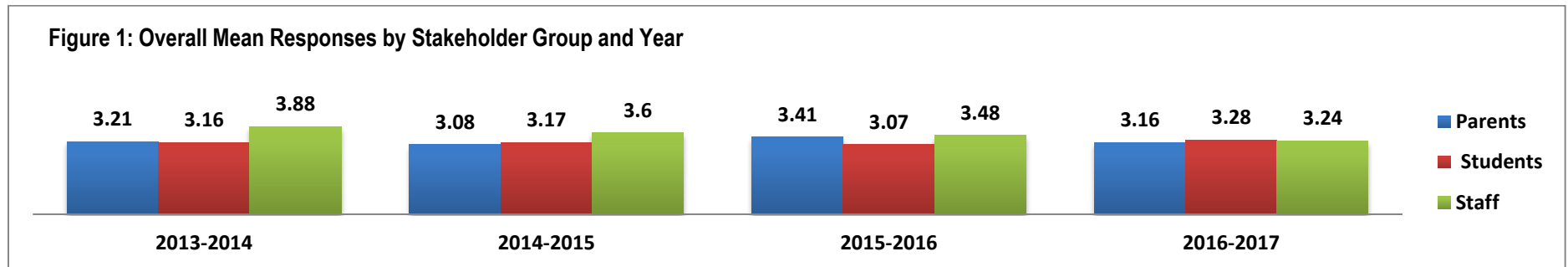
- A total of 128 stakeholder representatives participated in the survey process.
- The overall responses by group are:
 - Students 3.24
 - Parents 3.16
 - Staff 3.28
- Both students (3.38) and staff (3.56) gave the highest rating to *Clear School Mission*. Parents (3.32) allotted the highest rating to *High Expectations*.
- Both staff (3.06) and parents (3.00) bestowed the lowest rating to *Frequent Monitoring of Student Progress*. Students (3.11) gave the lowest rating to *Opportunity to Learn*.
- The mean or average scores for parents, students, and staff are 3 or higher for all seven survey categories or correlates. The school thus meets the requirements of one of its charter goals, which states, **“The average responses of students, parents, and staff equals 3.0 or higher on at least 6 of 7 correlates on the annual climate survey (scale of 1.0 to 4.0)”**

Part 2

The columns in **Table 1** list the seven survey correlates. The rows list mean responses of stakeholder groups on the items included in each correlate. Additionally, the final column to the right lists the average or mean score for the stakeholder group. The bold mean score in each row is the highest reported for the group.

Table 1: Mean Responses by Category								
Group	Safe and Orderly Environment	High Expectations	Instructional Leadership	Clear School Mission	Opportunity to Learn	Frequent Monitoring of Student Progress	Home-School Community Relationship	Overall
Parents								
2013-2014	3.17	3.24	3.25	3.24	3.21	3.19	3.19	3.21
2014-2015	3.10	3.08	3.00	3.25	3.17	3.08	2.88	3.08
2015-2016	3.42	3.41	3.43	3.56	3.36	3.22	3.44	3.41
2016-2017	3.24	3.32	3.15	3.17	3.17	3.00	3.11	3.16
All Students								
2013-2014	3.18	3.19	3.14	3.18	3.11	3.17	3.15	3.16
2014-2015	3.22	3.23	3.05	3.24	3.21	3.08	3.19	3.17
2015-2016	3.1	3.17	3.08	3.21	3.01	2.89	3.06	3.07
2016-2017	3.20	3.33	3.26	3.56	3.11	3.30	3.19	3.28
Staff								
2013-2014	3.20	3.42	3.26	3.44	3.56	3.46	3.39	3.39
2014-2015	3.53	3.58	3.46	3.71	3.71	3.63	3.60	3.60
2015-2016	3.4	3.67	3.58	3.58	3.11	3.58	3.44	3.48
2016-2017	3.24	3.33	3.26	3.38	3.27	3.06	3.15	3.24

Figure 1 lists the overall mean responses of individual stakeholder groups for 2013-2014 through 2016-2017.



Three survey items, included in the scores listed in **Figure 1** (page 4), are tied to two issues deemed to be significant enough in importance to also be reported independently:

- Bullying
- Overall satisfaction with the school

The mean responses of stakeholder groups for each of these individual items are listed in **Table 2**.

Table 2: Responses tied to Bullying and Overall Satisfaction			
Group	Students know what to do and whom to notify at the collegiate high school if they see bullying take place. (Item 4)	Students know what to do and whom to notify at the collegiate high school if they are victims of bullying. (Item 5)	I am satisfied with the education that I or my child receives from the collegiate school (Item 24)
Parents	3.30	3.28	3.24
Students	3.11	3.11	3.11
Staff	3.24	3.16	3.23
Overall			

Individual responses by stakeholder group for each of the 24 survey items are listed in **Tables 3** through **5**, beginning on page 6.

GHS Parent Climate Survey Results 2017 (Average Overall Response = 3.16)

Table 3: 2017 Gateway Parent Climate Survey Results	#	Agree	Strongly Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	#	Agree	Strongly Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total Pts	Average
Students feel safe while at the Gateway high school.	37	28	8	1		37	84	32	2	0	118	3.19
The rules at the Gateway high school are strictly enforced.	37	28	7	1	1	37	84	28	2	1	115	3.11
The GHS high school facility is clean and well kept.	37	25	12			37	75	48	0	0	123	3.32
Students know what to do and whom to notify at the Gateway high school if they see bullying take place.	37	26	11			37	78	44	0	0	122	3.30
Students know what to do and whom to notify at the Gateway high school if they are victims of bullying.	36	26	10			36	78	40	0	0	118	3.28
Safe and Orderly Environment		133	48	2	1	184	399	192	4	1	596	3.24
The staff at Gateway high school believes that all students can learn and achieve.	37	23	14			37	69	56	0	0	125	3.38
Teacher behaviors at the Gateway high school show that they believe that students can achieve on a high level.	37	25	12			37	75	48	0	0	123	3.32
The Gateway high school expects students to be accountable for their learning.	37	26	10	1		37	78	40	2	0	120	3.24
High Expectations		74	36	1	0	111	222	144	2	0	368	3.32
The administration at the Gateway high school is visible and involved in student learning.	37	26	8	2	1	37	78	32	4	1	115	3.11
The principal at the Gateway high school provides a good environment for learning.	35	27	7	1		35	81	28	2	0	111	3.17
The principal at the Gateway high school makes quality decisions to influence student learning.	35	27	7	1		35	81	28	2	0	111	3.17
Instructional Leadership		80	22	4	1	107	240	88	8	1	337	3.15
I believe the main focus of the gateway high school is to help its students succeed.	35	26	8	1		35	78	32	2	0	112	3.20
The gateway high school's goals and purpose are clear.	35	25	7	3		35	75	28	6	0	109	3.11
The gateway high school is preparing students for college and future challenges.	35	24	9	2		35	72	36	4	0	112	3.20
Clear School Mission		75	24	6	0	105	225	96	12	0	333	3.17
The gateway high school provides a variety of programs and subjects.	37	28	8	1		37	84	32	2	0	118	3.19

Table 3: 2017 Gateway Parent Climate Survey Results	#	Agree	Strongly Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	#	Agree	Strongly Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total Pts	Average
The focus for students at the gateway high school is academic studies.	37	27	10			37	81	40	0	0	121	3.27
The instructors at the gateway high school help students with their studies.	35	24	6	5		35	72	24	10	0	106	3.03
Opportunity to Learn		79	24	6	0	109	237	96	12	0	345	3.17
Students receive frequent updates on their progress in high school courses at the gateway high school.	35	24	6	4	1	35	72	24	8	1	105	3.00
The instructors are quick to help and assist when students struggle with coursework at the gateway collegiate high school.	36	26	5	4	1	36	78	20	8	1	107	2.97
Students are aware of their progress at the Gateway Collegiate High School.	35	25	6	3	1	35	75	24	6	1	106	3.03
Frequent Monitoring of Student Progress		75	17	11	3	106	225	68	22	3	318	3.00
Parents are encouraged to provide input and information to improve the gateway collegiate high school.	36	27	6	1	2	36	81	24	2	2	109	3.03
Parents are welcome to visit the collegiate high school.	34	23	8	1	2	34	69	32	2	2	105	3.09
Opportunity to participate in community activities is provided to gateway collegiate high school students.	36	29	5	2	0	36	87	20	4	0	111	3.08
I am satisfied with the education that I or my child receives from the gateway collegiate school	37	26	10	1		37	78	40	2	0	120	3.24
Home-School Community Relationship		105	29	5	4	143	315	116	10	4	445	3.11

GHS Student Climate Survey Results 2017 (Average Overall Response = 3.24)

Table 4: 2017 Gateway Student Climate Survey Results												
	#	Agree	Strongly Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	#	Agree	Strongly Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total Pts	Average
Students feel safe while at the Gateway high school.	81	52	29		0	81	156	116	0	0	272	3.36
The rules at the Gateway high school are strictly enforced.	81	51	18	12	0	81	153	72	24	0	249	3.07
The GHS high school facility is clean and well kept.	81	47	31	3	0	81	141	124	6	0	271	3.35
Students know what to do and whom to notify at the Gateway high school if they see bullying take place.	82	50	26	6	0	82	150	104	12	0	266	3.24
Students know what to do and whom to notify at the Gateway high school if they are victims of bullying.	80	47	23	10	0	80	141	92	20	0	253	3.16
Safe and Orderly Environment		247	127	31	0	405	741	508	62	0	1311	3.24
The staff at Gateway high school believes that all students can learn and achieve.	82	43	35	4		82	129	140	8	0	277	3.38
Teacher behaviors at the Gateway high school show that they believe that students can achieve on a high level.	79	49	24	5	1	79	147	96	10	1	254	3.22
The Gateway high school expects students to be accountable for their learning.	80	45	33	2		80	135	132	4	0	271	3.39
High Expectations		137	92	11	1	241	411	368	22	1	802	3.33
The administration at the Gateway high school is visible and involved in student learning.	80	46	25	9		80	138	100	18	0	256	3.20
The principal at the Gateway high school provides a good environment for learning.	82	42	34	5	1	82	126	136	10	1	273	3.33
The principal at the Gateway high school makes quality decisions to influence student learning.	80	46	28	5	1	80	138	112	10	1	261	3.26
Instructional Leadership		134	87	19	2	242	402	348	38	2	790	3.26
I believe the main focus of the gateway high school is to help its students succeed.	81	39	37	5		81	117	148	10	0	275	3.40
The gateway high school's goals and purpose are clear.	80	41	34	4	1	80	123	136	8	1	268	3.35
The gateway high school is preparing students for college and future challenges.	81	37	39	3	2	81	111	156	6	2	275	3.40
Clear School Mission		117	110	12	3	242	351	440	24	3	818	3.38
The gateway high school provides a variety of programs and subjects.	80	46	27	6	1	80	138	108	12	1	259	3.24

Table 4: 2017 Gateway Student Climate Survey Results	#	Agree	Strongly Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	#	Agree	Strongly Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total Pts	Average
The focus for students at the gateway high school is academic studies.	82	38	39	5		82	114	156	10	0	280	3.41
The instructors at the gateway high school help students with their studies.	80	42	26	10	2	80	126	104	20	2	252	3.15
Opportunity to Learn		126	92	21	3	242	378	368	42	3	791	3.27
Students receive frequent updates on their progress <u>in high school courses</u> at the gateway high school.	77	38	22	15	2	77	114	88	30	2	234	3.04
The instructors are quick to help and assist when students struggle with coursework at the gateway collegiate high school.	78	47	18	11	2	78	141	72	22	2	237	3.04
Students are aware of their progress at the Gateway Collegiate High School.	79	44	22	12	1	79	132	88	24	1	245	3.10
Frequent Monitoring of Student Progress		129	62	38	5	234	387	248	76	5	716	3.06
Parents are encouraged to provide input and information to improve the gateway collegiate high school.	81	42	17	20	2	81	126	68	40	2	236	2.91
Parents are welcome to visit the collegiate high school.	72	41	27	3	1	72	123	108	6	1	238	3.31
Opportunity to participate in community activities is provided to gateway collegiate high school students.	80	50	23	5	2	80	150	92	10	2	254	3.18
I am satisfied with the education that I or my child receives from the gateway collegiate school	81	46	28	5	2	81	138	112	10	2	262	3.23
Home-School Community Relationship		179	95	33	7	314	537	380	66	7	990	3.15

GHS Staff Climate Survey Results 2017 (Average Overall Response = 3.28)

Table 52017 Gateway Staff Climate Survey Results	#	Agree	Strongly Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	#	Agree	Strongly Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total Pts	Average
Students feel safe while at the Gateway high school.	9	6	3			9	18	12	0	0	30	3.33
The rules at the Gateway high school are strictly enforced.	9	9	0	0		9	27	0	0	0	27	3.00
The GHS high school facility is clean and well kept.	9	5	4			9	15	16	0	0	31	3.44
Students know what to do and whom to notify at the Gateway high school if they see bullying take place.	9	8	1			9	24	4	0	0	28	3.11
Students know what to do and whom to notify at the Gateway high school if they are victims of bullying.	9	8	1			9	24	4	0	0	28	3.11
Safe and Orderly Environment		36	9	0	0	45	108	36	0	0	144	3.20
The staff at Gateway high school believes that all students can learn and achieve.	9	4	4	1		9	12	16	2	0	30	3.33
Teacher behaviors at the Gateway high school show that they believe that students can achieve on a high level.	9	5	3	1		9	15	12	2	0	29	3.22
The Gateway high school expects students to be accountable for their learning.	9	5	4			9	15	16	0	0	31	3.44
High Expectations		14	11	2	0	27	42	44	4	0	90	3.33
The administration at the Gateway high school is visible and involved in student learning.	9	6	2	1		9	18	8	2	0	28	3.11
The principal at the Gateway high school provides a good environment for learning.	9	6	3			9	18	12	0	0	30	3.33
The principal at the Gateway high school makes quality decisions to influence student learning.	9	6	3			9	18	12	0	0	30	3.33
Instructional Leadership		18	8	1	0	27	54	32	2	0	88	3.26
I believe the main focus of the gateway high school is to help its students succeed.	9	3	6			9	9	24	0	0	33	3.67
The gateway high school's goals and purpose are clear.	9	4	5			9	12	20	0	0	32	3.56
The gateway high school is preparing students for college and future challenges.	9	3	5	1		9	9	20	2	0	31	3.44
Clear School Mission		10	16	1	0	27	30	64	2	0	96	3.56
The gateway high school provides a variety of programs and subjects.	9	5	1	3		9	15	4	6	0	25	2.78

Table 52017 Gateway Staff Climate Survey Results	#	Agree	Strongly Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	#	Agree	Strongly Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total Pts	Average
The focus for students at the gateway high school is academic studies.	9	5	4			9	15	16	0	0	31	3.44
The instructors at the gateway high school help students with their studies.	9	6	2	1		9	18	8	2	0	28	3.11
Opportunity to Learn		16	7	4	0	27	48	28	8	0	84	3.11
Students receive frequent updates on their progress <u>in high school courses</u> at the gateway high school.	9	3	4	2		9	9	16	4	0	29	3.22
The instructors are quick to help and assist when students struggle with coursework at the gateway collegiate high school.	9	4	4	1		9	12	16	2	0	30	3.33
Students are aware of their progress at the Gateway Collegiate High School.	9	4	4	1		9	12	16	2	0	30	3.33
Frequent Monitoring of Student Progress		11	12	4	0	27	33	48	8	0	89	3.30
Parents are encouraged to provide input and information to improve the gateway collegiate high school.	9	6	2		1	9	18	8	0	1	27	3.00
Parents are welcome to visit the collegiate high school.	9	4	5			9	12	20	0	0	32	3.56
Opportunity to participate in community activities is provided to gateway collegiate high school students.	9	6	2	1		9	18	8	2	0	28	3.11
I am satisfied with the education that I or my child receives from the gateway collegiate school	9	6	2	1		9	18	8	2	0	28	3.11
Home-School Community Relationship		22	11	2	1	36	66	44	4	1	115	3.19