

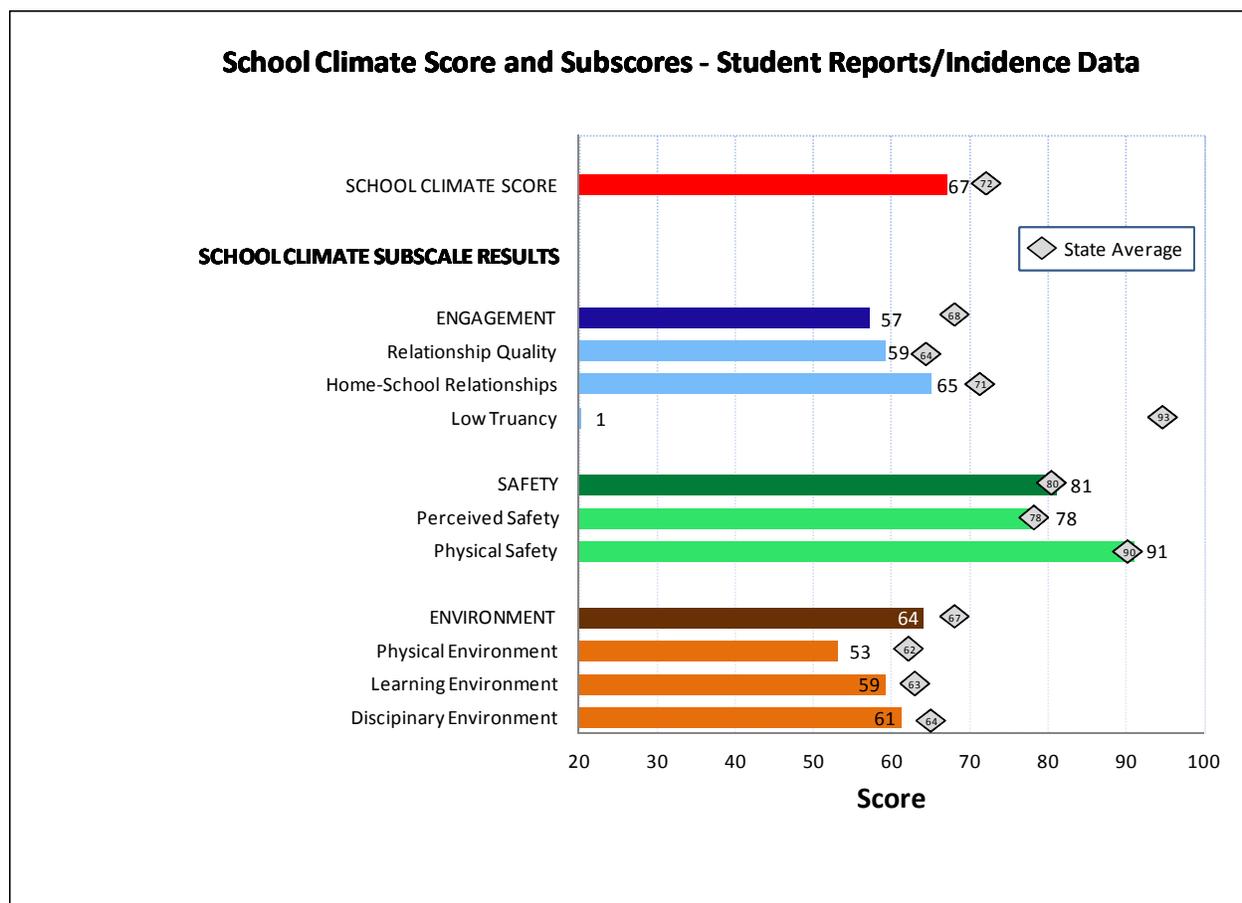
## School Climate Score — Spring 2012

District: Aiken  
School: Midland Valley High

Surveys Returned: 888  
Response Rate: 78.45%

### School Climate Score (SC-SCS)

	School <sup>A</sup>	State <sup>A</sup>	Difference
<b>School Climate Score<sup>B</sup></b>	67	72	-5



Notes: Scores were not calculated if the student survey response rate was less than 50%.

<sup>A</sup> Scores can potentially range from approximately 0 to 100, with **high scores representing more positive school climates**; higher supports and engagement; higher safety; and school environments more conducive to student learning.

<sup>B</sup> The South Carolina School Climate Score (SC-SCS) is a global, school-level measure based on school climate survey data and incidence data.

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### School Climate Characteristics

	School	State <sup>C</sup>	Difference
<b>School Climate Score</b>	67	72	-5
<b>Engagement</b>	57	68	-11
Relationship Quality	59	64	-5
Home-School Relationships	65	71	-6
Low Truancy	1	93	-92
<b>Safety</b>	81	80	+1
Perceived Safety	78	78	0
Physical Safety	91	90	+1
<i>Low Crime</i>	92	90	+2
<i>Low Fighting</i>	80	88	-8
<i>Low Bullying</i>	100	100	0
<b>Environment</b>	64	67	-3
Physical Environment	53	62	-9
Learning Environment	59	63	-4
Disciplinary Environment	61	64	-3
<i>Positive Student Behavior</i>	41	47	-6
<i>Rule Clarity/Fairness</i>	68	71	-3
<i>Low Suspension</i>	85	86	-1
<i>Low Expulsion</i>	74	96	-22

### Student Incidence Data

	School <sup>D</sup>	State <sup>CD</sup>	Difference
Expulsion Rate	0.56	0.08	+0.48
Suspension Rate	25.24	22.12	+3.12
Crime Incidence Rate	0.56	0.72	-0.16
Fighting Incidence Rate	3.41	1.99	+1.42
Bullying Incidence Rate	0.00	0.00	0.00
Truancy Rate	15.40	1.01	+14.39

Notes: Scores were not calculated if the student survey response rate was less than 50%.

<sup>C</sup> Means (survey-based measures) and medians (incidence data) of all comprehensive high schools with data in the state.

<sup>D</sup> The incidence rates are expressed per 100 students. They are calculated by dividing the number of referral incidents by student enrollment, multiplied by 100.

## School Climate Score

The South Carolina School Climate Score (SC-SCS) provides a school-level description of several factors that are known to influence student safety and learning success in schools. Scores are based on the 2012 South Carolina Education Oversight Committee (EOC) survey for students and school-level discipline referral incidence data. SC-SCS values can potentially range from 0 to 100, with higher scores representing more positive learning environments. In 2012, the average SCS for all comprehensive high schools in South Carolina was 72.

The SCS is calculated by computing the average of three domains: (1) *Engagement* (33.3%); (2) *Safety* (33.3%) and (3) *Environment* (33.4%). These domains are themselves each measured by two to three subdomains, as listed below.

1. Engagement (33.3%)
  - Relationship Quality (3 survey items)
  - Home-School Relationships (7 survey items)
  - Low Truancy (3 truancy incidence indicators)
2. Safety (33.3%)
  - Perceived Safety (3 survey items)
  - Physical Safety (16 incidence items)
    - Low Crime Incidence Rate (12 incidence items)
    - Low Fighting Incidence Rate (2 incidence items)
    - Low Bullying Incidence Rate (2 incidence items)
3. Environment (33.4%)
  - Physical Environment (4 survey items)
  - Learning Environment (5 survey items)
  - Disciplinary Environment (5 survey items/2 incidence indicators)
    - Positive Student Behavior (2 survey items)
    - Rule Clarity/Fairness (3 survey items)
    - Low Suspension Incidence Rate (1 incidence item)
    - Low Expulsion Incidence Rate (1 incidence item)

The subdomains and underlying indicators are weighted such that the survey and referral incidence measures account for 85 and 15 percent, respectfully, of the total SCS. Scores were **not calculated** if the student survey response rate was less than 50 percent in the school. Further information about the methodology used to construct the SCS can be obtained by contacting Tom Hanson at 562-799-5170 or [thanson@WestEd.org](mailto:thanson@WestEd.org).

## Incidence Rate Measures

Incidence rate indicators are shown as a complement to the school climate scores and sub-scores. Each of these rates is calculated by dividing the number of incidents by student enrollment (multiplied by 100). Expulsion and suspension rate data provide information regarding the disciplinary environment of the school. Crime, fighting, and bullying incidence rate data describe the school environment with regards to safety. Truancy rate results are provided to describe the absolute rate of truancy, an indicator of school attachment. The following discipline referral codes were used to define each incidence rate measure.

- Expulsion: expulsions
- Suspension: out-of-school suspensions
- Crime: aggravated assault, simple assault, intimidation, robbery, drug distribution, weapons incidents, disturbing school
- Fighting: fighting, altercation-fight, disruption
- Bullying: bullying, cyber-bullying
- Truancy: truancy, habitual truancy, chronic truancy