

2016-2017 Campus Climate Survey

According to New York State Educational Law 129B, every institution shall conduct, no less than every other year, a campus climate assessment to ascertain general awareness and knowledge of the provisions of the law, including student experience with and knowledge of reporting and college adjudicatory processes.

1,500 students were emailed a link to the survey. We received 185 responses (12%). Percentages listed do not always equal 100 percent as some students chose not to respond to that question. The survey was available from mid-April to mid-June, 2017.

Vaughn College will utilize the survey results to enhance and improve its training, education, prevention, resources, assistance and adjudication of policies. We strive to provide a safe and supportive environment for all in our community. For questions, please feel free to reach out to Vaughn's Title IX Officer Kathy Deaner at kathy.deaner@vaughn.edu or 718.429.6600 ext. 371.

Demographics of Survey Responses

Students at all levels participated in the survey, 38% were first year students, 24% second year, 15% third year, 14% fourth year and 2% graduate.

79% of students identify as males, 16% as females and 2% as other.

50% of students identified their ethnicity as not Hispanic or Latino and 34% as Hispanic or Latino.

28% of students identified their race as white, 18% as Black or African American, 15% as Asian, 14% as Other, 9% as Multi-racial or Bi-racial and 2% as American Indian or Alaskan Native.

Bystander Intervention

48% of students have stood up for someone being bullied.

68% of students are very likely or likely to go with a friend to the police station if he/she said (s)he was raped.

62% of students are very likely or likely to confront someone who was having sexual conduct with a person who was passed out.

Dating and Domestic Violence

14% of students have or know someone who has been emotionally or psychologically abused by a partner in a romantic relationship.

11% of students have or someone they know has been regularly called negative names or insulted by a partner in a romantic relationship.

62% of students have not faced dating or domestic violence.

Discrimination and Harassment

64% of students say they have not faced discrimination at this school by someone in a position of authority.

4% of students say they have faced harassment by other students and 2% faced by others (parents, employees, etc.). 4% of students say they have faced bullying by other students or employees.

Drugs and Alcohol

83% of the students said no to giving or knowing someone who gave another person alcohol in an attempt to get sex.

67% of students do not think that underage drinking is a problem at this school.

66% of students do not think that illegal drug use is a problem at this school.

Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation

85% of students have not felt harassed or bullied because of their sexual orientation or gender identify.

13% of students have seen someone else be harassed or bullied because of their sexual orientation or gender identify.

64% of students feel that students are accepted and included regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identify.

General Climate

91% of students feel safe at this school.

86% of students believe that students respect each other.

77% of students strongly agree/agree that the school treats them equally and fairly.

46% of students strongly agree/agree that Campus Officials should do more to protect students from harm.

89% of students strongly agree/agree that sexual assault is not tolerated at this school.

64% of students strongly agree/agree that there are good resources at this school for survivors of sexual assault and for survivors of dating violence, stalking and domestic violence.

64 to 70% of students are aware of a variety of listed counseling and health resources for survivors of sexual assault and for survivors of dating violence, stalking and domestic violence.

Reporting, Retaliation and Resources

54% of students indicated yes to the question, “If you faced discrimination or harassment, do you know how to report the incident to the school?”

55% said that they would not fear retaliation for making a report of discrimination or harassment.

55% of students indicated yes to the question, “If you faced sexual assault, do you know how to report the incident to the school?”

44% responded yes to feeling comfortable reporting the incident to the school.

49% responded yes and 15% unsure to the question, “If you reported sexual assault to the school, do you think it would be taken seriously and investigated fairly?”

42% responded yes and 21% maybe to the question, “If you faced sexual assault, would you feel comfortable utilizing school resources?”

33% of students responded yes to the question, “Do you know what a Title IX Coordinator is?”

Students identified multiple entities where a survivor or witness of sexual assault, dating violence, stalking and domestic violence can file a report. The examples included Title IX Coordinator, New York State Police, human resources, local police, campus security or a confidential resource.

36% of students described their knowledge of policies and procedures in relation to sexual assault as having a strong knowledge, while 6% feel that need more training, 11% are unsure and 5% do not feel that they have a strong knowledge.

53% responded that they have a solid understanding of what affirmative consent means.

89% responded no to the question, "When a person is extremely incapacitated because of drugs and alcohol, are they capable of giving affirmative consent?"

27% agreed with and 24% were unsure of this statement "The criminal law may have a different standard of proof than our institutional policies".