

# Results of the Teaching, Empowering, Leading, and Learning (TELL) AISD Survey

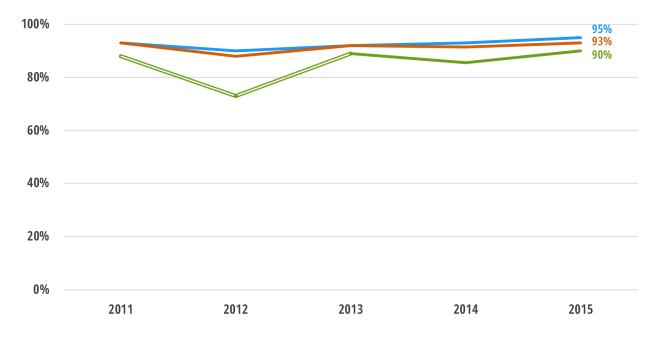
2011-2015

To do their jobs well, educators need supportive school environments where they are valued, are trusted, and can collaborate to improve instruction. The Teaching, Empowering, Leading and Learning (TELL) AISD Survey is a unique opportunity to gather information about school conditions from those whose views matter most—practicing educators. TELL AISD is administered in January and February to all campus-based staff.

For more information about the TELL survey, research, and information about other states and districts that monitor teaching and learning conditions, please visit: <a href="http://www.newteachercenter.org/teaching-empowering-leading-and-learning-tell-survey">http://www.newteachercenter.org/teaching-empowering-leading-and-learning-tell-survey</a>.

Since 2011, AISD campus employees have provided feedback about the teaching and learning conditions on their campus. Annually, about 87% of all campus staff complete the TELL AISD survey. In 2015, 8,760 AISD campus employees participated. Longitudinal response rates and counts can be found in Appendix A. For each item in the tables and charts that follow, the percentage displayed represents the percentage of respondents who agreed or strongly agreed with the statement. Unless otherwise indicated, arrows ( $\uparrow$   $\downarrow$ ) indicate statistically meaningful changes from one year to the next.

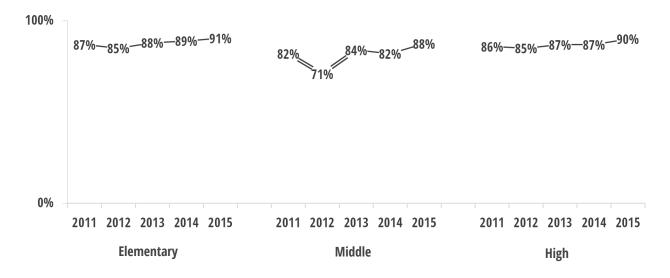
**Elementary**, **middle**, and **high** school staff agree "Overall, my school is a good place to work and learn."



### **GENERAL CLIMATE**

Percentage of respondents who agree "All campus staff exhibit pride in their affiliation with the school."

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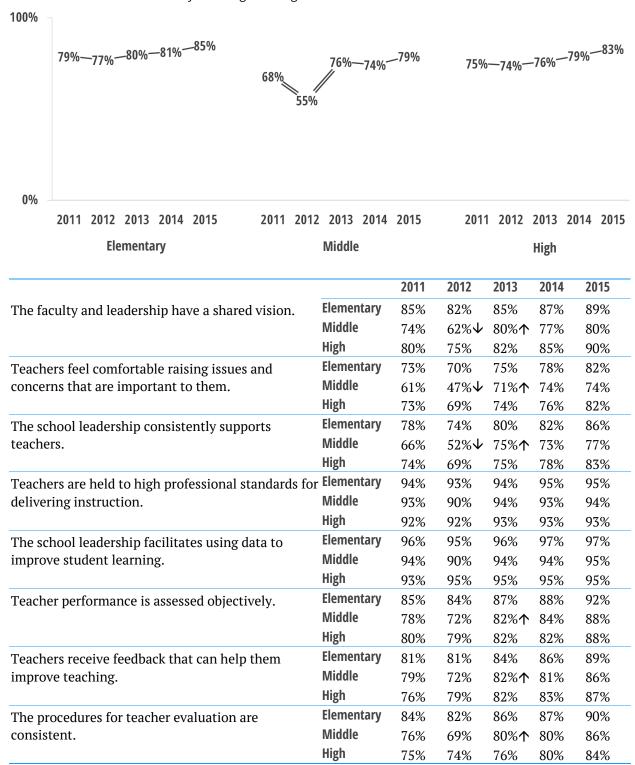


	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Elementary	83%	81%	84%	85%	88%
Middle	78%	75%	84%↑	83%	86%
High	83%	82%	83%	86%	87%
Elementary	80%	80%	83%	84%	85%
Middle	75%	73%	81%	81%	83%
High	79%	80%	81%	84%	84%
Elementary	76%	75%	79%	80%	82%
Middle	66%	60%	74%↑	73%	78%
High	72%	73%	76%	75%	80%
Elementary	85%	84%	86%	87%	89%
Middle	78%	74%	82%	81%	85%
High	79%	80%	83%	83%	86%
Elementary	92%	90%	91%	93%	93%
Middle	90%	79%↓	87%个	87%	89%
High	90%	87%	91%	91%	93%
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Note. All items include responses from teaching and non-teaching staff. \\

#### SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

Percentage of respondents who agree "There is an atmosphere of trust and mutual respect."

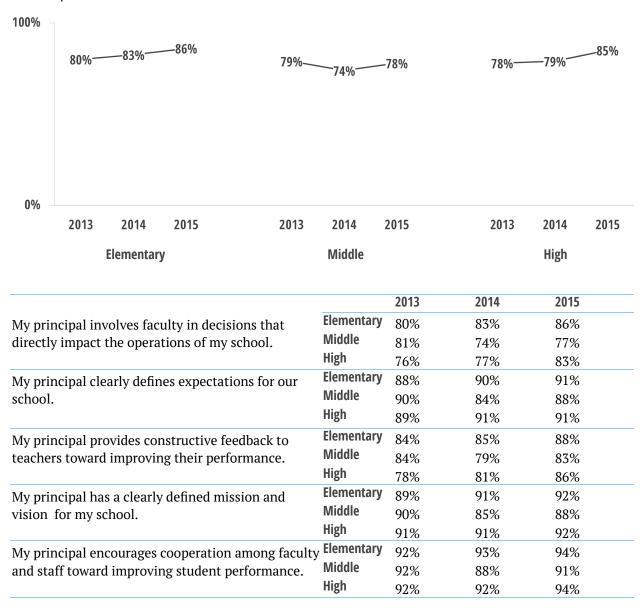


## SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

		2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
School leadership effectively communicates policy.	Elementary	85%	84%	86%	87%	88%
	Middle	79%	67%↓	82%↑	78%	82%
	High	79%	79%	79%	81%	85%
The faculty are recognized for accomplishments.	Elementary	81%	79%	83%	85%	89%
, , ,	Middle	77%	67%↓	81%↑	83%	85%
	High	83%	82%	82%	83%	87%
Teachers are recognized as educational experts.	Elementary	83%	82%	85%	86%	90%
	Middle	71%	65%	78% <b>↑</b>	80%	84%
	High	78%	77%	79%	82%	88%
Teachers are trusted to make sound professional decisions about instruction.	Elementary	82%	80%	85%	85%	90%
	Middle	72%	63%	77% <b>个</b>	81%	84%
	High	81%	78%	79%	82%	88%
Teachers are relied upon to make decisions about educational issues.	Elementary	83%	83%	86%	86%	91%
	Middle	72%	66%	78% <b>↑</b>	81%	85%
	High	80%	76%	81%	82%	88%
Teachers are encouraged to participate in school	Elementary	90%	88%	90%	91%	93%
leadership roles.	Middle	83%	79%	89%↑	89%	89%
reductioning forces.	High	89%	87%	89%	89%	92%
The faculty has an effective process for making	Elementary	76%	75%	78%	81%	83%
group decisions to solve problems.	Middle	62%	53%	73% <b>个</b>	73%	76%
group decisions to solve problems.	High	68%	69%	71%	74%	78%
In this school we take steps to solve problems.	Elementary	84%	82%	85%	87%	90%
in the sensor we take steps to solve problems.	Middle	75%	64%↓	82%↑	80%	84%
	High	82%	81%	86%	85%	89%
Teachers are effective leaders in this school.	Elementary	88%	87%	90%	89%	92%
	Middle	83%	76%	85%个	88%	87%
	High	87%	84%	89%	87%	91%
Teachers have an appropriate level of influence on	Elementary	ojc	74%	78%	79%	83%
decision making in this school.	Middle	*	70%	72%	72%	73%
Ŭ	High	alic	66%	71%	73%	78%

#### SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

Percentage of respondents who agree "Teachers at this school trust the principal to make sound professional decisions about instruction."

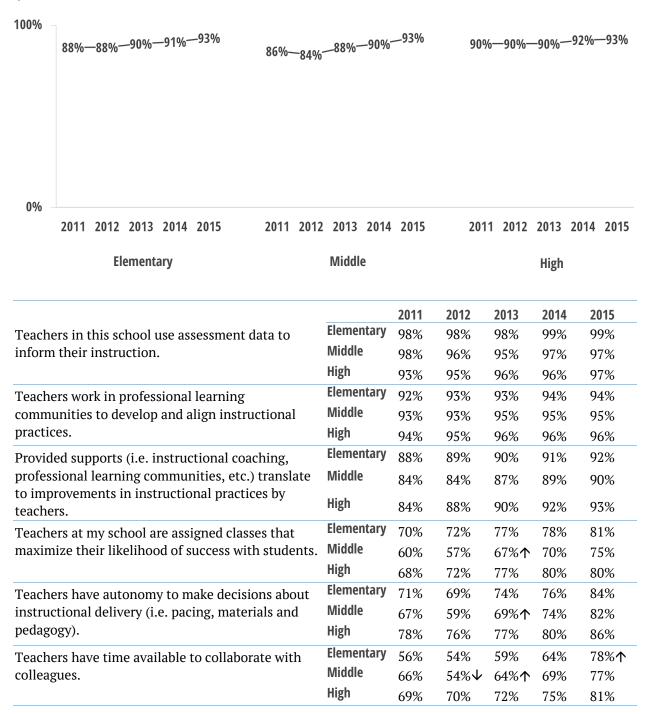


"School leadership makes a sustained effort to address teacher concerns about..."

		2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
School leadership	Elementary	86%	85%	88%	89%	92%
	Middle	76%	69%	84%↑	83%	85%
	High	84%	80%	84%	86%	90%
The use of time in my school	Elementary	77%	76%	80%	82%	86%
	Middle	69%	59%↓	77% <b>↑</b>	77%	80%
	High	68%	71%	76%	79%	82%
Teacher leadership	Elementary	88%	86%	89%	90%	93%
	Middle	80%	74%	85%↑	85%	89%
	High	85%	85%	87%	88%	90%
Professional development	Elementary	90%	89%	90%	91%	93%
	Middle	82%	81%	89%↑	85%	87%
	High	81%	84%	88%	87%	89%
Community support and involvement	Elementary	88%	88%	90%	91%	93%
	Middle	84%	77%	87%↑	86%	91%
	High	87%	85%	89%	89%	92%
Facilities and resources	Elementary	88%	89%	91%	91%	92%
	Middle	83%	79%	87%↑	86%	88%
	High	82%	82%	84%	84%	84%
Managing student conduct	Elementary	81%	77%	82%	83%	87%
	Middle	67%	54%↓	75% <b>↑</b>	73%	78%
	High	72%	74%	77%	79%	82%
Instructional practices and support	Elementary	90%	88%	90%	91%	93%
	Middle	85%	80%	88%↑	87%	89%
	High	86%	86%	88%	89%	91%
General school climate	Elementary	83%	80%	84%	86%	90%
	Middle	71%	57%↓	80%个	79%	83%
	High	82%	78%	82%	84%	89%
Achievement press	Elementary	89%	89%	91%	91%	94%
	Middle	83%	76%	86%↑	86%	90%
	High	85%	86%	87%	88%	91%
New teacher support	Elementary	84%	85%	86%	88%	89%
	Middle	80%	71%↓	82%↑	81%	86%
	High	81%	82%	83%	84%	86%

### INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICE AND SUPPORT

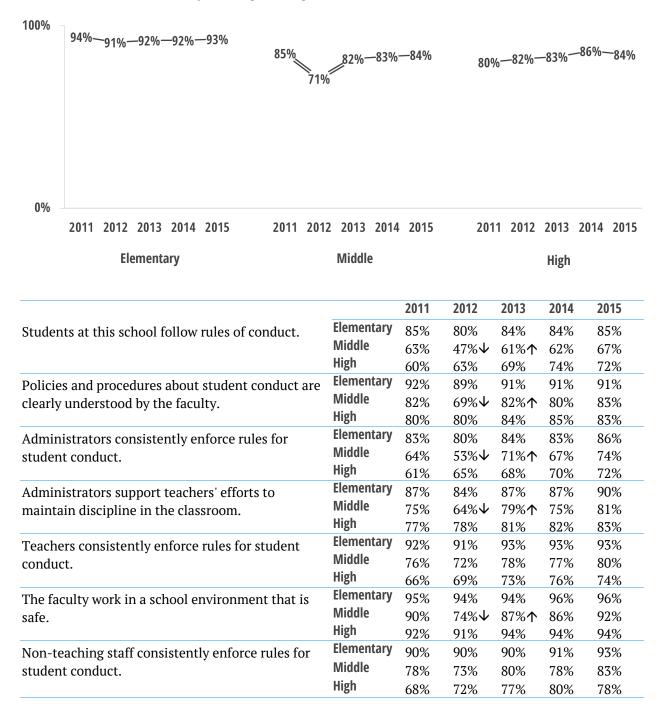
Percentage of respondents who agree "Teachers are encouraged to try new things to improve instruction."



#### Managing Student Conduct

Percentage of respondents who agree "Students at this school understand expectations for their conduct."

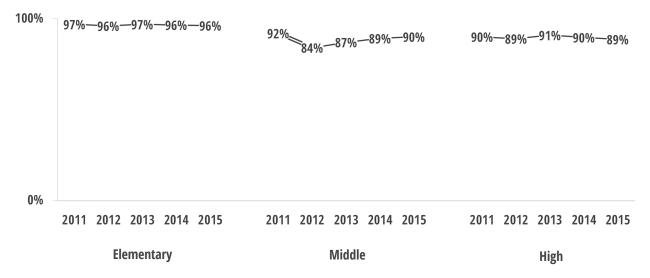
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## **ACHIEVEMENT PRESS**

Percentage of respondents who agree "The school sets high standards for academic performance."



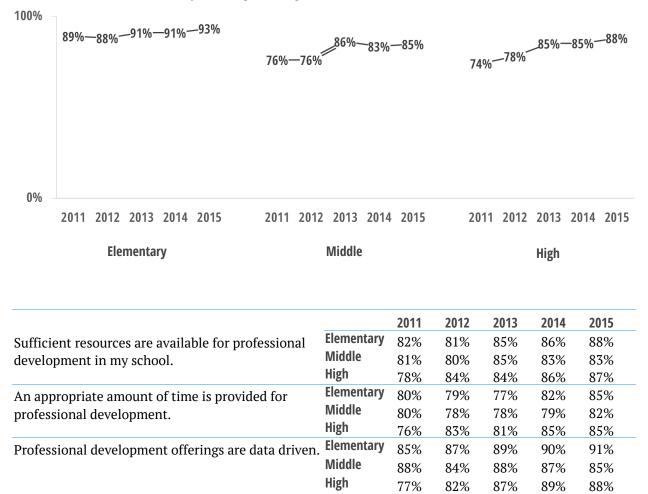
		2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Teachers in this school believe that their students	Elementary	97%	95%	95%	95%	96%
have the ability to achieve academically.	Middle	92%	88%	88%	91%	94%
	High	94%	93%	93%	93%	94%
Parents exert pressure to maintain high standards.	Elementary	62%	62%	62%	65%	68%
	Middle	53%	49%	51%	56%	62%
	High	56%	59%	56%	58%	61%
Academic achievement is recognized and	Elementary	94%	92%	92%	93%	93%
acknowledged by the school.	Middle	92%	84%↓	90%	89%	93%
	High	93%	90%	92%	93%	93%
Parents press for school improvement.	Elementary	63%	63%	65%	67%	70%
	Middle	59%	55%	58%	61%	67%
	High	62%	54%	60%	63%	66%
Students in this school can achieve the goals that	Elementary	96%	94%	94%	94%	95%
have been set for them.	Middle	93%	86%↓	91%	93%	95%
	High	95%	94%	95%	96%	96%
Students respect others who get good grades.	Elementary	90%	89%	91%	92%	93%
	Middle	66%	58%	66%	70%	78%
	High	76%	79%	81%	84%	86%
Students seek extra work so they can get good	Elementary	59%	59%	58%	60%	62%
grades.	Middle	50%	45%	48%	57%	61%
	High	59%	62%	61%	66%	67%

#### **ACHIEVEMENT PRESS**

		2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Students try hard to improve on previous work.	Elementary	80%	79%	79%	81%	83%
	Middle	60%	48%↓	53%	59%	67%
	High	60%	63%	66%	69%	70%
The learning environment is orderly and serious.	Elementary	92%	90%	91%	85%	91%
	Middle	80%	66%↓	77% <b>↑</b>	91%个	82%↓
	High	80%	81%	85%	91%	86%

#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Percentage of respondents who agree "Professional development enhances teachers' abilities to improve student learning."

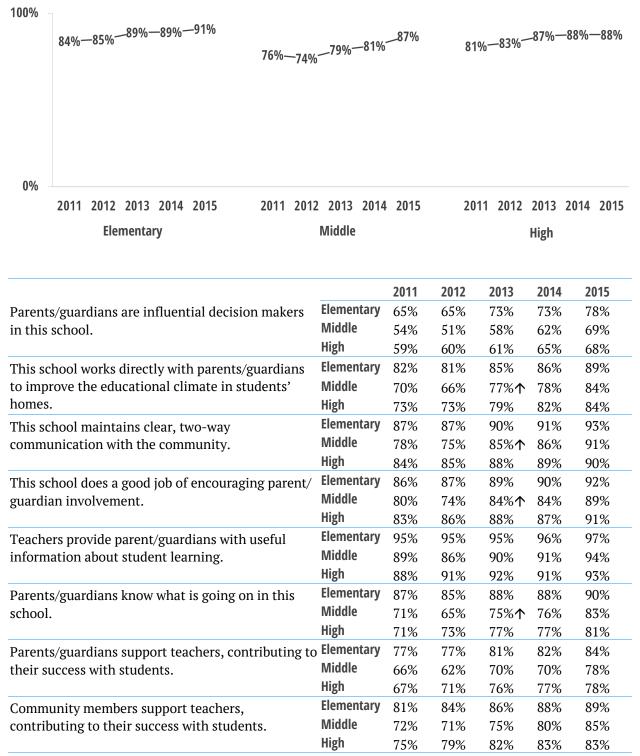


## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

		2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Professional development provides ongoing	Elementary	78%	79%	81%	84%	87%
opportunities for teachers to work with colleagues	Middle	68%	69%	76%	78%	78%
to refine teaching practices.	High	72%	76%	80%	82%	84%
Professional development is evaluated and results	Elementary	55%	62%	68%	72%	76%
are communicated to teachers.	Middle	48%	46%	65%个	65%	68%
	High	47%	54%	64%↑	65%	68%
Professional development enhances teachers'	Elementary	87%	85%	89%	89%	91%
ability to implement instructional strategies that meet diverse student learning needs.	Middle	75%	72%	84%↑	81%	83%
	High	71%	76%	82%	84%	86%
	Elementary					
Teachers are encouraged to reflect on their own	Middle	90%	89%	92%	92%	94%
practice.		83%	82%	87%	89%	90%
	High	86%	90%	91%	92%	92%
Follow up is provided from professional	Elementary	68%	70%	75%	79%	82%
development in this school.	Middle	62%	59%	69%个	69%	75%
	High	58%	63%	69%	73%	76%
Professional learning opportunities are aligned	Elementary	90%	90%	92%	93%	94%
with the school's improvement plan.	Middle	87%	84%	91%个	90%	90%
1	High	85%	86%	92%	93%	93%
Professional development is differentiated to meet	Elementary	61%	66%	72%	72%	79%
the needs of individual teachers.	Middle	48%	49%	64%↑	65%	68%
	High	48%	58%个	65%	66%	68%
Professional development deepens teachers'	Elementary	81%	81%	85%	85%	88%
content knowledge.	Middle	59%	60%	73%个	69%	72%
	High	52%	62% <b>↑</b>	67%	68%	70%
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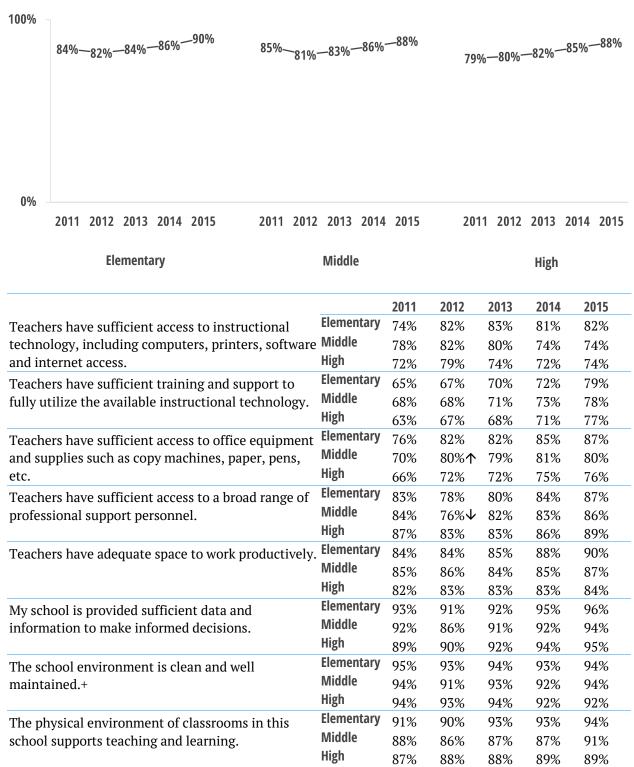
#### **COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND ENGAGEMENT**

Percentage of respondents who agree "The community we serve is supportive of this school."



#### **FACILITIES AND RESOURCES**

Percentage of respondents who agree "Teachers have sufficient access to appropriate instructional materials (including items such as textbooks, curriculum materials, content references, etc.)."

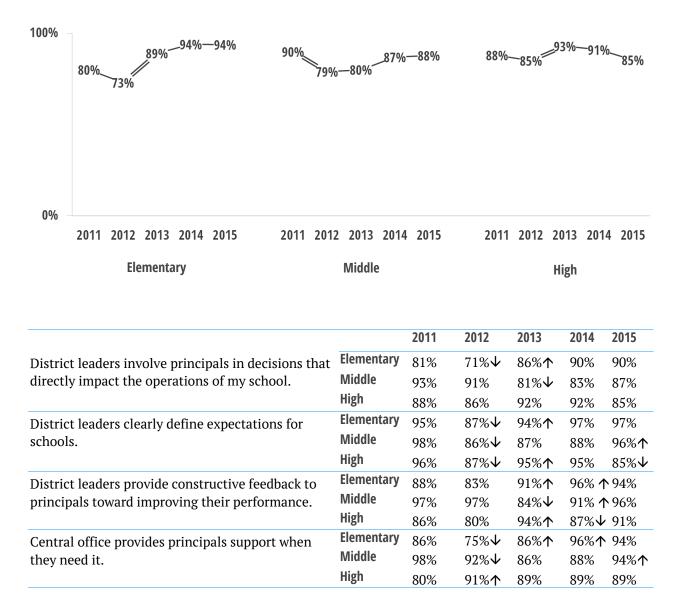


### RESULTS FOR ITEMS FOR CAMPUS ADMINISTRATORS

The next series of tables and charts includes results of items for campus administrators. In 2015, 257 principals, assistant principals, and school directors responded to the survey. Longitudinal response rates and counts can be found in Appendix A.

#### **DISTRICT LEADERSHIP**

Percentage of respondents who agree "District leaders trust principals to make sound professional decisions about instruction."

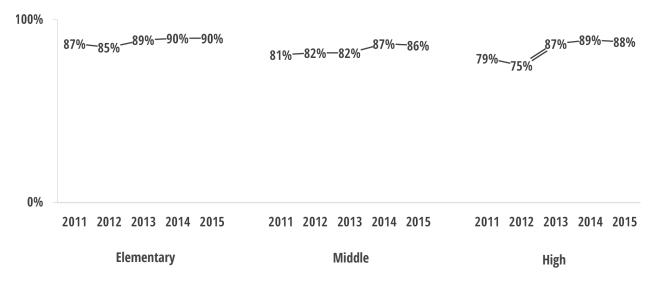


## DISTRICT LEADERSHIP

		2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Principals are actively involved in district decision	Elementary	82%	72% <b>↓</b>	81%↑	92%↑	89%
making about educational issues.	Middle	95%	84%↓	80%	76%	89%↑
	High	89%	86%	88%	88%	84%
District leaders take steps to solve problems.	Elementary	92%	84%↓	90%	96% ↑	92%
	Middle	100%	89%↓	88%	90%	94%
	High	84%	86%	89%	92%	83%↓
There is an atmosphere of trust and mutual respect within this district.	Elementary	64%	49%↓	68%↑	78%↑	84%
	Middle	85%	63%↓	66%	74%	89%↑
	High	54%	72%↑	72%	70%	73%
The district has a clearly defined mission and vision		88%	91%	93%	96%	97%
for all schools.	Middle	95%	82%↓	83%	94%↑	96%
	High	79%	81%	86%	83%	82%
District leaders encourage cooperation among	Elementary	85%	80%	89%↑	92%	92%
schools toward improving student performance.	Middle	97%	89%↓	72%↓	85% ↑	86%
	High	80%	80%	81%	87%	77%↓
District leaders trust principals to make sound	Elementary	80%	73%	89%↑	94%	94%
professional decisions about instruction.	Middle	90%	79%↓	80%	87%	88%
	High	88%	85%	93%个	91%	85%

### CAMPUS RESOURCES AND ADMINISTRATOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Percentage of respondents who agree "There are clear goals and structures for teaching and learning in AISD."



		2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
My school receives instructional resources	Elementary	72%	70%	79%个	84%	84%
commensurate with other schools in the district.	Middle	88%	79%↓	76%	77%	75%
	High	58%	82%	73%	78%	78%
My school receives instructional resources	Elementary	75%	76%	82%	83%	85%
commensurate with student needs.	Middle	83%	80%	79%	78%	83%
	High	65%	82%↑	72%↓	79%	83%
Principal professional development is a priority in this district.	Elementary	82%	71%↓	80%个	82%	87%
	Middle	88%	87%	63%↓	74% <b>↑</b>	80%
	High	73%	65%	83%	81%	85%
Sufficient resources are available to principals to	Elementary	76%	69%	80%个	81%	91%↑
participate in professional development	Middle	83%	81%	65%↓	76% <b>↑</b>	81%
opportunities.	High	82%	80%	82%	85%	87%
There are clear goals and structures for teaching	Elementary	87%	85%	89%	90%	90%
and learning in AISD.	Middle	81%	82%	82%	87%	86%
	High	79%	75%	87%↑	89%	88%
There is a clear vision for the use of data to inform	Elementary	89%	85%	90%	90%	92%
education in AISD.	Middle	85%	82%	83%	87%	87%
	High	80%	76%	85%↑	88%	88%

## APPENDIX A. RESPONSE RATES AND COUNTS, 2011–2015

