

2018-2019 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.

1,563 students were emailed a link to the survey. We received 95 responses (6%) and 35 completed surveys (2%). Percentages listed do not always equal 100 percent as some students chose not to respond to that question. The survey was available from November 26 to December 31, 2019.

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 Elaine T. White at elaine.white@vaughn.edu or 718.429.6600 ext. 366.

Demographics of Survey Responses

Students at all levels participated in the survey, 52.7% were first year students, 15.1% second year, 15.1% third year, 14% fourth year, 2.2% graduate, and 1.1% as other.

76.7% of students identify as males, 22.2% as females and 1.1% as gender-nonconforming.

67.4% of students identified their ethnicity as not Hispanic or Latino and 32.6% as Hispanic or Latino.

25.8% of students identified their race as white, 13.5% as Black or African American, 18% as Asian, 5.6% as Other and 0% as American Indian or Alaskan Native.

General Climate

52% of students feel safe at this school.

66.67% of students strongly agree/agree that the school treats them equally and fairly.

9.73% 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.

79% 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?"

18% said that they do not think an alleged offender would retaliate against them for making a report of sexual assault to a school administrator.

79% of students indicated yes to the question, "If you faced sexual assault, do you know how to report the incident to the school?"

42% said that they would support a person making a report to school administrators.

74% responded yes, 12% responded no, and 14% unsure to the question, “If you reported sexual assault to the school, do you think it would be taken seriously and investigated fairly?”

79.07% of students reported that they can find confidential support at the institution.

70% of students reported that they know how to contact the Title IX Coordinator.

23.26% of students described their knowledge of policies and procedures in relation to sexual assault as having a strong knowledge, while 9.3% feel that need more training, 9.3% are unsure and 6.98% do not feel that they have a strong knowledge.

Administrator responses

70.67% of students reported that they feel respected by faculty, staff, and administration at Vaughn College.

30.55% of students agreed, and 8.34% disagreed when asked if the college officials handle negative incidents in a fair and responsible manner.

51.06% of students stated that it is very likely that a school administrator would support a student who is reporting a sexual assault.