

## **MCNY 2021 Sexual Harassment/Sexual Violence Campus CLIMATE SURVEY RESULTS SUMMARY**

### **Background/Legislative History**

In 2015, Governor Cuomo signed the New York State Education Law Article 129-B also known as “Enough is Enough.” It requires colleges and universities in the State to conduct surveys every two years to measure students’ knowledge of topics such as:

- a) The Title IX Coordinator's role;
- b) campus policies and procedures addressing sexual assault;
- c) how and where to report domestic violence, dating violence, stalking or sexual assault as a victim, survivor or witness;
- d) the availability of resources on and off campus, such as counseling, health and academic assistance;
- e) the prevalence of victimization and perpetration of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault on and off campus during a set time period;
- f) bystander attitudes and behavior;
- g) whether reporting individuals disclosed to the institution and/or law enforcement, experiences with reporting and institution processes, and reasons why they did or did not report;
- h) the general awareness of the difference, if any, between the institution's policies and the penal law; and
- i) general awareness of the definition of affirmative consent.

This document summarizes the 2021 Climate Survey results, the details of which can be found in the document called *MCNY 2021 Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence Campus Climate Survey Results Details*.

### **Demographics**

The survey was sent to all enrolled students at both campuses in November 2021.

There were 120 Respondents overall. Some questions had less respondents. The majority of the respondents (68%) were between 25 - 44 years of age; 77% identified their gender identity as woman; 61% were Black or African American; 29% were Hispanic/Latino/a/x; 27% of the respondents were transfer students and 87% had 2.5 - 4.0 (A/B) average; 60% had a 3.5-4.0 (A) average.

The breakdown of degree level was:

Undergraduate	52%
Graduate	45%
Did not say	03%

**Questions related to faculty/administrator respect and concern**

**N=114**

**Faculty, staff, and administrators respect what students at this school think**

82% agree or strongly agree

**Faculty are genuinely concerned about my welfare.**

83% agree or strongly agree

**Administrators are genuinely concerned about my welfare.**

79% agree or strongly agree

**I feel valued as a student.**

73% agree or strongly agree

**I am happy to be in this school**

81% agree or strongly agree

**The faculty, staff, and administrators at this school treat students fairly**

79% agree or strongly agree

**I feel safe at this school.**

81% agree or strongly agree

**I believe students respect one another**

86% agree or strongly agree

**I feel a sense of belonging at MCNY**

77% agree or strongly agree

**I believe MCNY tries to protect the rights of all students**

80% agree or strongly agree

**I believe MCNY is doing a good job of trying to prevent sexual assault from happening**

82% agree or strongly agree

**I believe MCNY is doing a good job educating students about sexual harassment and assault**

91% agree or strongly agree

**If there were a crisis at my school, my school would handle it well.**

40% strongly agree; 39% have no knowledge to provide a response

**The school responds too slowly in difficult situations**

28% disagree or strongly disagree; 38% have no knowledge to provide a response

**School officials handle negative incidents in a fair and responsible manner**

37% strongly agree; 43% have no knowledge to provide a response

**My school does enough to protect the safety of students**

48% agree; 30% have no knowledge to provide a response

**There is a good support system at my school for students going through difficult times**

54% agree; 25% have no knowledge to provide a response

**Since the beginning of the current academic year, has anyone done the following to you either in person or by phone, text, email or social media?**

Ten (10) students responded to this question:

Made sexual advances – 70%

Flashed or exposed themselves to you without consent – 30%

**Have you experienced sexual contact without your consent before you became a student at this school?**

**N=111**

83% said No; 17% said Yes

**Did you transfer to your current school as a result of a non-consensual or unwanted sexual contact at a previous college/university?**

**N = 110**

34% did not transfer from another college at all

65% did not transfer as a result of unwanted contact

1 person transferred as a result of unwanted contact

**Have you experienced sexual contact without your consent since you became a student at this school?**

**N=111**

99% said No

**There are a lot of good reasons why someone may not tell anyone about an incident of non-consensual or unwanted sexual contact. What were your reasons?**

**N=38**

The top three responses were: 29% said it was a private matter; 18% were embarrassed; 13% were afraid of retaliation.

### **Questions related to student's knowledge about assault/harassment/complaint procedures.**

**N=89**

#### **Do you know the definition of sexual assault?**

92% of respondents said yes

#### **Do you know the definition of affirmative consent?**

90% of respondents said yes

#### **Do you know the definition of sexual harassment?**

93% of respondents said yes

#### **Do you know the definition of gender discrimination?**

93% of respondents said yes

#### **Do you know the definition of gender violence?**

94% said yes

### **Questions related to school action/accountability**

**N=98**

#### **If someone were to report a sexual assault to administrators at your school (e.g., Title IX Coordinator, etc.), how likely is it that:**

##### **Administrators would take the report seriously?**

56% of respondents said very likely or moderately likely; 42% don't have any experience or knowledge to offer an opinion.

##### **Administrators would take steps to protect the safety of the person making the report?**

56% of respondents said very likely or moderately likely; 41% don't have any experience or knowledge to offer an opinion

##### **Administrators would support the person making the report?**

56% of respondents said very likely or moderately likely; 41% don't have any experience or knowledge to offer an opinion

##### **Administrators would take corrective action to address factors that may have led to the sexual assault?**

55% of respondents said very likely or moderately likely; 41% don't have any experience or knowledge to offer an opinion

## Student knowledge of Title IX Coordinator's role

**N=96**

**I know where to go to get help regarding sexual assault at my school.**

63% of respondents strongly AGREED with the statement

**I know how to contact my school's Title IX Coordinator.**

57% of respondents strongly AGREED with the statement

## Student knowledge of Campus Policies and Procedures

**N=96**

**I understand my school's formal procedures to address complaints of sexual assault.**

58% of respondents strongly AGREED with the statement

**I understand how to report a sexual assault at my school.**

61% of respondents strongly AGREED with the statement

**I know where to seek special accommodations at my school (like changing my class schedule) if I was assaulted.**

65% of respondents strongly AGREED with the statement

**I have confidence that my school's administrators will follow the procedures necessary to address complaints of sexual assault fairly.**

65% of respondents strongly AGREED with the statement

**Where would you go to report an incident of sexual misconduct? The top three responses were:**

- Local Police (37%)
- School Deans (17%)
- Student Services (14%)

## The prevalence of victimization and perpetration of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault on and off campus

**N=111**

**Have you experienced sexual contact without your consent since you became a student at this school**

99% of respondents said they had not experienced sexual contact without consent since becoming a student at the school

## **Bystander Attitudes and Behavior**

**N=90**

**Indicate how confident you are that you could engage in the described behavior.**

**Express my discomfort if someone makes a joke about someone's body.**

92% of respondents range from somewhat confident to completely confident

**Express my discomfort if someone says that rape victims are to blame for being raped.**

92% of respondents range from somewhat confident to completely confident

**Talk to a friend who I suspect is in an abusive relationship.**

96% of respondents range from somewhat confident to completely confident

**Get help and resources for a friend who tells me they have been raped.**

97% of respondents range from somewhat confident to completely confident

**Confront a friend who tells me that they had sex with someone who had passed out or didn't give consent.**

92% of respondents range from somewhat confident to completely confident

**Tell a campus authority about information I have that might help in a sexual assault case even if pressured by my peers to stay silent.**

92% of respondents range from somewhat confident to completely confident

**Speak up to someone who is minimizing or making attempts to excuse having had sex with someone who was unable to give consent**

93% of respondents range from somewhat confident to completely confident

**Please indicate how likely you are to engage in each of the following behaviors**

**N=85**

**Confront other students who make inappropriate or negative sexual comments/gestures about a person.**

90% of respondents said, somewhat likely to very likely

**Ask for verbal consent when they are intimate with their partner**

87% of respondents said somewhat likely to very likely

**Stop sexual activity when asked to**

94% of respondents said somewhat likely to very likely

**Say something to a friend who is taking a drunk person back to their room at a party**

94% of respondents said somewhat likely to very likely

**Challenge a friend who made a sexist statement/joke.**

89% of respondents said likely to very likely

**Challenge a friend who said something offensive about people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender.**

90% of respondents said likely to very likely

**Report other students who use force or pressure to engage in sexual contact**

93% of respondents said likely to very likely

**Discourage a friend who plans to give someone alcohol to get sex**

95% of respondents said likely to very likely

**Confront a friend if I hear rumors they forced sex on someone**

95% of respondents said likely to very likely

**Decide not to have sex with someone if they are drunk**

95% of respondents said likely to very likely

**Take action if I saw someone trying to take advantage of another person sexually**

94% of respondents said likely to very likely

**Support others who confront harmful or problematic behavior**

95% of respondents said likely to very likely