

# Study of the Relationship Between School Managers' Communicative Skills and Schools' Atmosphere

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## Abstract

Schools are places where social interactions take place highest. Teachers, students and parents are the individuals of school management that constitute this social life place. A school's success is closely related with its workers' fulfilling the duties that are expected from them within an interaction. Every school has its own unique atmosphere. Many factors play an important role for this atmosphere to emerge, however the most important of these is communication skills. Hence for a school's expected success to be accomplished a strong communication must be created. In that sense a school manager's communicative skill is an important factor for a school's success to be accomplished.

In this research, school managers' communicative skills on schools' atmospheres are studied among the communication processes that exist in schools. Decreasing the problems to minimum that stem from communication, what school managers can and may do to improve their communicative skills are explained, discussed and ordered in this research.

The aim of this research is to determine the effects of school managers' communication skills on a school's atmosphere. Relational screening model among quantitative methods were used in this research. Target population of the study consists of teachers and school manager assistants commissioned in official state schools in Istanbul from the districts of Sultanbeyli, Tuzla and Pendik. In this target population, total of 378 teachers constituted the sampling group, determined through random selection method.

**Keywords:** education, management, school atmosphere, communication

## 1. Introduction

Since the time humanity has started to exist, they relied on various organizations to accomplish specific ends. To sustain social needs and resolve the problems that emerge in a society, people need to cooperate and conduct activities together with the other members of the society. As the natural result of this, organizations emerge (Aydın, 1993). Organizations consist of parties that create the society. When society's need has an increment about something and then works need to be done deftly, individuals inside the organization organize the individuals inside it to create units to accomplish the work/job in a qualified way. Every social unit which is created is an organization (Başaran, 2008, p. 15).

An atmosphere which emerges in an organization is the result of communication between the individuals and groups in that organization. The relation between of an organization's targets being actualized and its individuals expectations being met affects its climate. Schools are public places where several social interactions occur. While school managers, teachers and other personnels who work in the school perform their duties, the interaction and communication they form must be strong. Unless a school management has an effective communication process with teachers, other personnels and parents, it may lead to some negativity in school. Furthermore aforementioned situation may cause the school to fail which is a social living space. In that sense it can be said that interpersonal relations and communications have important roles in schools (Bursalioğlu, 2010).

In an organization, behaviors of the members of an organization and their competency of communication are influential on the atmosphere of the organization (Bursalioğlu, 2005, pp. 24–25). Bursalioğlu considers one of

school managers' competency fields as organizational atmosphere in one of his researches which is about "educational manager's competencies".

Teachers say that when they move from one school to another, from the first moments they feel various characteristics of the new school which they move to. Some of these characteristics are visible to the eye. For instance; decoration of the school, the architectural features of the school, wall writings, its cleanness etc... Moreover various characteristics of the school are noticed right away; for example, positive affair of the school personnel towards each other, school administration's authority's presence, teachers' methods and techniques, school personnels' commitment to the school etc... These differences that exist affect the workers, students and parents of that school. This interaction which takes place in a school create the atmosphere of that school (Wei, 2003, p. 2).

School's atmosphere is the sum of characteristics that makes a school different than the others, it has an effect on a school's personnel's behavior and it creates the social and psychological atmosphere. A school manager is the one who is the determinant of a school's organizational atmosphere. School managers may contribute to school in terms of increasing school personnels' motivation and creating a healthy school culture (Çelik, 2005, p. 45).

Many researches that are conducted indicate that a school's atmosphere affects many fields of a school and its personnels. In schools which have positive atmosphere, it is seen that students have less behavioral and emotional problems (Kuperminc, Leadbeater, Emmons ve Blatt, 1997, p. 76). A school's atmosphere is understood through the school's work conditions and these conditions' effects on its workers. A school atmosphere which occurs in a school affects the motivations of its workers, their senses of belonging, morales and work performances. Thus first of all, school managers must create a school atmosphere which must affect a school's personnels in a positive way (Şişman, 2004, p. 101).

Hoy's (2003) School Atmosphere:

- 1) School's physical characteristics
- 2) School personnels' previous cultural experiences and gender differences
- 3) Quality of human affairs that take place in a school
- 4) Common values and beliefs which are created by school personnel.

To create a positive atmosphere in a school, what are expected of school managers are as follows (Bursalioğlu, 1982):

- 1) Being able to maintain balance between a school's goals and its workers' expectations.
- 2) Being able to apply the punishment and reward systems in a way that increases efficiency and motivation.
- 3) School manager must use his/her effectiveness before he/she uses their authority.
- 4) To sustain the possibilities of security and protection of the school in return of school workers' commitment to the school.
- 5) To give priority of applying the rules which are taken together with the workers of the school.

To accomplish the goals and aims of a school, it is a fundamental condition of a organizational positive atmosphere to occur (Balçı,1993, p. 31). The most important factor which affects a school's success is the effectiveness of the processes of communication which take places in that school. A school manager's being able to accomplish the goals and aims of a school, his/her being able to state those aims and goals and being able to convey these aims and goals to the personnels of the school are possible through the skill of communication. The communicative competencies which are among a school manager's must-have fundamental competencies have important impact on other personnels' attitudes and behaviors which are necessary for them to fulfill their duties (Çelik, 2007, p. 3). 3 of the fundamental features among the features which a school manager must have are: knowledge of management, fundamental knowledge of the field which he/she works in and skill and knowledge of communication. Among these 3 fundamental features, knowledge of management and level of necessity of fundamental knowledge for the field may vary depending on the position of the manager. On the other hand, the view that communicative skills being the same level for every managers in different positions and all knowledge and skills of management must be nearly at 50% level is an accepted approach (Açıkalın, 1995, p. 39).

The features that an effective school manager must have may be listed as follows: being able to use the mother tongue effectively and correctly, having an effective persuasion, being effective at interpersonal communications, having a skillful listening, having a strong written and oral communication skills (Şahin, 2000). In a research which is conducted to determine the competencies that are needed in school managers who work at primary

schools, it was determined that communication must be a fundamental skills of management (Şahin, 2000).

School principals spend most of their time communicating with school staff (Başaran, 1993, p. 70). One of the main characteristics of a successful school principal is to have effective communication skills (Deas, 1994, p. 44; Geddes, 1995, p. 1). An effective school principal must be in constant contact with the teachers. An effective school principal must have strong, written-verbal communication and persuasion skills (Şişman, 2012, pp. 144–146). In order for school principals to initiate and maintain an effective communication process, some communication elements, communication principles and strategies; they should have skills in eliminating communication barriers and organizing communication processes (Şimşek, 1997, p. 97; Bursalıoğlu, 1999, p. 42). It is important to have communication channels open in defining and solving many problems in schools (Özden, 2013, p. 88).

In school, which is the basic element of education system, the very basic duty of a school manager is to accomplish the aims and goals that are set in a school and respond the expectations of the personnel of the school. For a school manager to be able to accomplish the goals and aims of a school, he/she must utilize monetary and human resources of school efficiently. In that sense for a school manager to reach these goals that are set, besides knowing the concepts and processes of the educational management, he/she must be expected to have effective communication skills and the ability to create a positive atmosphere in school. Thus, in this research an answer to the question of “whether there is correlation between a school manager’s communicative skills and a school’s atmosphere” is sought.

## **2. Method**

### *2.1 Research Design*

In this research it is aimed to assess communication skills’s effect on a school’s atmosphere. Relational screening model was used of quantitative methods. Relational screening, which is a version of the survey model, is a model that aims to determine the presence of variation and/or its level among numerous variables. Relational screening model has two types, one being correlational and the other being comparative: While in methods which are corellational types, whether variables change together in relation with each other and how do the change occur are studied, in the comparative styled models, whether there is difference between groups in relation to dependant variable are studied by creating groups according to independent variable (Karasar, 1995, pp. 81–82).

### *2.2 Target Population and Sample*

Target population of the study consists of teachers and school manager assistants commissioned in official state schools in Istanbul from the districts of Sultanbeyli, Tuzla and Pendik. In this target population, total of 378 teachers constituted the sampling group, determined through random selection method.

The fundamental features of random sampling methods are their robustness in terms their samples’ representing the target population and units, which are taken as basis in sampling, having equal probabilities of getting chosen for the sample. With these methods, it is aimed to form samples which have strong representations that can make valid generalizations for the target population (Büyüköztürk vd, 2009).

### *2.3 Data Collection Tool and Application*

For the collection of the data from the teachers and school managers from the target population, “Personal Information Request form”, “Scale for Communicative Competency” (Wiemann, 1977), “Scale for School Atmosphere” (Canlı, 2016) were used.

The data which were acquired from scales were coded by means of computer and resolved through the packet program SPSS 22. For the first part of the scale frequency and percentage distribution was done. To determine the managers’ perceptions arithmetic mean, standard deviation were done. For determining the differences between attitudes, the paired comparison was normal, thus “t” test was used one-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) was used to compare groups with more than two variables. In case the difference was found significant, Scheffe (Multiple Comparison) and Mann Whitney U test was applied. Whether there were significant differences between views was tested at a significance level of  $\alpha < 0.05$ .

#### **2.3.1 Personal Information Request Form**

The questionnaire which is formed to determine the demographic information of the teachers and school managers. In the form questions, variables such as state of managing (school manager assistant)”, gender, seniority, graduation, school manager’s age exist.

### 2.3.2 Communicative Competence Scale

The scale was developed by Wiemann (1977). The communicative competency scale of Wiemann originally consists of 36 articles and 5 subdimensions. Originally the scale is made of grading of 5 points. The subdimensions in the scale consist of (general communicative Competence)(1. , 5. , 6. , 9. , 20. , 34. & 23. articles), competency of empathy (10. , 12. , 13. , 14. , 15. , 17. & 24. articles), competence of affiliation/support (7. , 8. , 18. , 22. , 30. , 33. articles), competency of behavioral flexibility (2. , 3. , 19. , 31. , 36. articles), competency of social relaxation (29. , 32. , 26. , 16. , 35. articles). 4. , 11. , 21. , 25. , 27. and 28 articles that are in the scale are not in the subdimensions of the scale.

Wiemann (1977) calculated the validity and reliability of the structural reliability with factor analysis and for reliability's calculation in subdimensions he calculated Cronbach's Alpha quotients in internal-reliability. According to this he found the scale's Cronbach's Alpha as=96.

### 2.3.3 Scale of School Atmosphere

“School Climate Scale“ developed by Canlı (2016). The School Atmosphere Scale developed by Live consists of 23 items and 5 sub-dimensions.

Each item in the school climate scale is based on a Likert-type scale consisting of “1=Never”, “2=Rarely”, “3=Sometimes”, “4=Mostly”, “5=Always”.

The sub-dimensions of the school atmosphere are:

- 1) The aspects of Being Democratic and dedication to school (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6).
- 2) Leadership and interaction aspect (7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12).
- 3) Factors of success (13, 14, 15, 16).
- 4) Sincerity aspect (17, 18, 19).
- 5) Conflict aspect (20, 21, 22, 23) articles.

As a result of the analyzes conducted to determine the internal consistency of the items in the scale, Cronbach Alpha internal consistency coefficient is for democratic and school dedication. 908 and for the aspects of leadership and interaction 90.897, for the aspects of success factors 89.753, “for the aspects of sincerity”. 852 and for the aspects of the conflict 85.730. Based on the findings obtained in this context, it can be said that the scale is valid and reliable.

### 2.3.4 Collection of the Data

In the academic year 2016–2017, after the sample was determined and the necessary permissions for the research were taken through legal means, the schools were contacted with the teachers and assistant managers and the necessary information was given to the schools. The scales were multiplied and applied by the number of teachers and deputy directors. Analysis was carried out on 378 people.

## 3. Results

### 3.1 Recruitment

The universe of the research consists of teachers and deputy principals who work in official schools in Sultanbeyli, Tuzla and Pendik districts of Istanbul. A total of 378 teachers were selected from this population by random sampling.

### 3.2 Participant Flow

Table 1. Frequency and percentage values of the participants' demographic information

	Groups	<i>f</i>	%	
Position	Teacher	349	94.1	
	Assistant Manager	22	5.9	
Gender	Male	148	39.9	
	Female	223	60.1	
Education	College	16	4.3	
	Undergraduate	332	89.5	
Seniority	Master's Degree	23	6.2	
	1–5 year(s)	123	33.2	
	6–10 years	107	28.8	
	11–15 years	81	21.8	
Field	16 years and above	60	16.2	
	Form Teacher	200	53.9	
	Turkish	22	5.9	
	Mathematic	32	8.6	
	Science and Tech.	31	8.4	
	Social Studies	19	5.1	
	Foreign Language	21	5.7	
	Religious Culture	13	3.5	
	Visual Art	8	2.2	
	Music	7	1.9	
	Physical Education	6	1.6	
	Counseling	12	3.2	
	School Manager's Age	39 years and below	105	28.3
		40–49 years	184	49.6
50 years and above		82	22.1	
	Total	371	100.0	

As shown in Table 1, 349 (94.1%) of the 371 teachers who make up the sample were teachers and 22 (5.9%) were manager's assistants. 148 (38.9%) were male and 223 (60.1%) were female. 16 of them (4.3%) with college, 332 of them (89.5%) with bachelor's degree, 23 of them (6.2%) with graduate degree, 123 of them were (33.2%) of 1–5 years, 107 (28.8%), 6–10 years, 81 (21.8%) 11–15 years, and 60 (16.2%) have 16 years or more seniority. 200 (53.9%) classroom teachers, 22 (5.9%) Turkish, 32 (8.6%) mathematics, 31 (8.4%) science and technology and remaining 23% are from different branches. The age of school managers which are in number of 105 (28.3%) aged 39 and under, 184 of them were (49.6) between 40–49 years old, 82 of them (22.1%) were over 50 years of age.

### 3.3 Statistics and Data Analysis

The level of communication qualifications perceived by teachers in school managers is given in Table 2.

Table 2. Arithmetic mean, standard deviation values of total scores and all sub-dimensions of communication competencies scale

Aspect	N	$\bar{X}$	Ss
Aspect of General Communicative Competency	371	25,81	4,129
Aspect of Emphaty Competency	371	29,27	4,675
Aspect of Affilitiaton/Support Competency	371	21,35	3,154
Aspect of Behavioral Flexibility Competency	371	17,93	2,475
Aspect of Socialrelaxation Competency	371	12,74	2,108
General Scale of Communication	371	107,11	15,230

As shown in Table 2, the Communication Proficiency Scale of the teachers who make up the sample group is the General Communication Adequacy Size scores ( $\bar{x}=25,81$ ,  $ss=4,129$ ), and the Empathy Competency Aspect scores ( $\bar{x}=29,27$ ,  $ss=4,675$ ). Supporting Competency Aspect scores ( $\bar{x}=21,35$ ,  $ss=3,154$ ), Behavioral Flexibility Competency Aspect scores ( $\bar{x}=17,93$ ,  $ss=2,475$ ), Social Comfort Competency Aspect scores ( $\bar{x}=12,74$ ,

ss=2,108), General Communication Scale scores ( $\bar{x}=107,11$ , ss=15,230) were observed. Based on the arithmetic averages, the level of communication proficiencies that teachers perceive in school principals, most of the time in the dimension of general communication is as follows: general communicative competency as “most of the time”, Competency of Emphaty as “most of the time”, Affiliation and support as “most of the time”, Behavioral Flexibility Competence as “most of the time”, Social Comfort Competence as “sometimes”.

Evaluation of General Communication Levels of Teachers in School Principals by Various Demographic Variables:

The levels of General Communication that teachers perceive in school managers; differentiation analysis related to age, gender, educational status, seniority and age of school principal are given below.

Table 3. General communication levels of teachers perceived by school principals according to their duties Mann Whitney u test results

Point	Position	N	$\bar{x}_{sira}$	$\sum_{sira}$	U	z	p
GİYB	Teacher	349	185,96	64901,00	3826,000	-,027	,979
	Manager's Assistant	22	186,59	4105,00			
	Total	371					
EYB	Teacher	349	185,56	64760,50	3685,500	-,316	,752
	Manager's Assistant	22	192,98	4245,50			
	Total	371					
BDYB	Öğretmen	349	186,16	64970,00	3783,000	-,116	,908
	Manager's Assistant	22	183,45	4036,00			
	Total	371					
EDYB	Teacher	349	185,21	64638,00	3563,000	-,585	,559
	Manager's Assistant	22	198,55	4368,00			
	Total	371					
SRYB	Teacher	349	185,01	64568,50	3493,500	-,720	,471
	Manager's Assistant	22	201,70	4437,50			
	Toplam	371					
General Scale	Teacher	349	185,52	64748,00	3673,000	-,340	,734
	Manager's assistant	22	193,55	4258,00			
	Total	371					

As shown in Table 3, the teachers were applied the Mann Whitney U Test to determine the difference between the levels of general communication that they perceived in school managers according to their duties.

Table 4. The general communication levels of teachers perceived by school managers according to their gender t test results

Point	Gender	N	$\bar{X}$	SS	Sh <sub>x</sub>	t Test		
						t	Sd	p
GİYB	Male	148	26,13	4,058	,334	1,216	369	,225
	Female	223	25,60	4,171	,279			
EYB	Male	148	29,72	4,530	,372	1,493	369	,136
	Female	223	28,98	4,756	,318			
BDYB	Male	148	21,68	3,102	,255	1,635	369	,103
	Female	223	21,13	3,176	,213			
EDYB	Male	148	18,06	2,469	,203	,812	369	,417
	Female	223	17,85	2,481	,166			
SRYB	Male	148	13,07	1,883	,155	2,425	369	,016
	Female	223	12,53	2,224	,149			
Genel Ölçek	Male	148	108,65	15,025	1,235	1,594	369	,112
	Female	223	106,08	15,313	1,025			

As shown in Table 4, the independent group t-test was used to determine the difference between the general communication levels perceived by the school principals according to their gender and there was no significant difference in the total scale and other sub-dimensions. General Communication As seen in Table 3, independent

group t Test was performed to determine the difference between the general communication levels perceived by school managers according to their genders and no significant difference was found between the total scale and other sub-dimensions while the Social Comfort Competence Dimension was found to be significant. In the dimension of Social Comfort Competence, it was observed that men evaluated school principals more positively than women.

Table 5. General communication levels of school principals according to their education Kruskal Wallis h test results

Point	Education	N	$\bar{x}_{sira}$	$\chi^2$	p
GIYB	College	16	191,22	,051	,975
	Undergraduate	332	185,61		
	Master's Degree	23	187,98		
	Total	371			
EYB	College	16	201,63	1,324	,516
	Undergraduate	332	183,83		
	Master's Degree	23	206,48		
	Total	371			
BDYB	College	16	186,09	,711	,701
	Undergraduate	332	187,25		
	Master's Degree	23	167,89		
	Total	371			
EDYB	College	16	215,22	1,448	,485
	Undergraduate	332	185,19		
	Master's Degree	23	177,37		
	Total	371			
SRYB	College	16	231,41	3,643	,162
	Undergraduate	332	182,87		
	Master's Degree	23	199,63		
	Total	371			
General Scale	College	16	200,56	,352	,838
	Undergraduate	332	185,03		
	Master's Degree	23	189,87		
	Total	371			

As seen in Table 5, according to the education of teachers, Kruskal Wallis h Test was used to determine the difference between the general communication levels perceived in school managers and no significant difference was found with the total scale in any sub-dimension.

Table 6. General communication levels of school principals according to seniority of teachers' Anova test results

<i>f</i> , $\bar{X}$ ve SS Values					ANOVA Results					
Puan	Kıdem	N	$\bar{x}$	ss	Var. K.	KT	Sd	KO	F	p
GIYB	1-5 year(s)	123	26,54	3,302	G. Between	223,480	3	74,493	4,494	,004
	6-10 years	107	26,09	3,899	G. In	6083,933	367	16,577		
	11-15 years	81	25,46	4,345	Total	6307,412	370			
	16 years and above	60	24,28	5,260						
	Total	371	25,81	4,129						
EYB	1-5 year(s)	123	30,21	3,544	G. Between	292,358	3	97,453	4,589	,004
	6-10 years	107	29,61	4,570	G. In	7793,146	367	21,235		
	11-15 years	81	28,42	4,674	Total	8085,504	370			
	16 years and above	60	27,90	6,243						
	Total	371	29,27	4,675						
BDYB	1-5 year(s)	123	21,93	2,459	G. Between	197,129	3	65,710	6,924	,000
	6-10 years	107	21,79	2,722	G. In	3483,016	367	9,491		
	11-15 years	81	20,90	3,277	Total	3680,146	370			
	16 years and above	60	19,95	4,320						
	Total	371	21,35	3,154						
EDYB	1-5 year(s)	123	18,20	2,036	G. Between	77,607	3	25,869	4,336	,005
	6-10 years	107	18,21	2,206	G. In	2189,708	367	5,967		
	11-15 years	81	17,89	2,455	Total	2267,315	370			
	16 years and above	60	16,93	3,409						
	Total	371	17,93	2,475						
SRYB	1-5 year(s)	123	12,96	1,862	G. Between	22,852	3	7,617	1,724	,162
	6-10 years	107	12,90	1,990	G. In	1621,822	367	4,419		
	11-15 years	81	12,53	2,197	Total	1644,674	370			
	16 years and above	60	12,32	2,581						
	Total	371	12,74	2,108						
General Scale	1-5 yıl	123	109,85	11,244	G. Between	3424,298	3	1141,433	5,084	,002
	6-10 years	107	108,61	14,157	G. In	82402,602	367	224,530		
	11-15 years	81	105,20	15,620	Toplam	85826,900	370			
	16 years and above	60	101,38	21,079						
	Total	371	107,11	15,230						

As shown in Table 6, the ANOVA test was used to determine the difference between the level of general communication perceived of the school managers according to teacher' seniority and there was no significant difference in Aspect of Social Comfort Competence, Aspect of Empathy Competence, Aspect of Affiliation and Supporting Competence, Aspect of Behavioral Flexibility Competence, Aspect of Social Comfort Competence, General Communication Scale. Scheffe's test results are given in Table 7.

Table 7. Scheffe test results

Aspect	Seniority(i)	Seniority(j)	$\bar{x}_i - \bar{x}_j$	$Sh_{\bar{x}}$	P	
GİYB	1-5 year(s)	6-10 yıl	,443	,538	,878	
		11-15 yıl	1,080	,583	,331	
		16 yıl ve üz	2,253*	,641	,007	
	6-10 years	1-5 yıl	-,443	,538	,878	
		11-15 yıl	,637	,600	,771	
		16 yıl ve üz	1,810	,657	,057	
	11-15 years	1-5 yıl	-1,080	,583	,331	
		6-10 yıl	-,637	,600	,771	
		16 yıl ve üz	1,173	,694	,414	
	16 years and above	1-5 year(s)	-2,253*	,641	,007	
		6-10 years	-1,810	,657	,057	
		11-15 years	-1,173	,694	,414	
	EYB	1-5 year(s)	6-10 years	,604	,609	,805
			11-15 years	1,792	,659	,062
			16 years and above	2,311*	,726	,018
6-10 years		1-5 year(s)	-,604	,609	,805	
		11-15 years	1,188	,679	,383	
		16 years and above	1,707	,743	,155	
11-15 years		1-5 year(s)	-1,792	,659	,062	
		6-10 years	-1,188	,679	,383	
		16 years and above	,520	,785	,932	
16 years amd above		1-5 year(s)	-2,311*	,726	,018	
		6-10 years	-1,707	,743	,155	
		11-15 years	-,520	,785	,932	
BDYB		1-5 year(s)	6-10 years	,141	,407	,989
			11-15 years	1,034	,441	,141
			16 years and above	1,985*	,485	,001
	6-10 years	1-5 year(s)	-,141	,407	,989	
		11-15 years	,893	,454	,277	
		16 years and above	1,844*	,497	,004	
	11-15 years	1-5 year(s)	-1,034	,441	,141	
		6-10 years	-,893	,454	,277	
		16 years and above	,951	,525	,351	
	16 years and above	1-5 year(s)	-1,985*	,485	,001	
		6-10 years	-1,844*	,497	,004	
		11-15 years	-,951	,525	,351	
	EDYB	1-5 year(s)	6-10 years	-,012	,323	1,000
			11-15 years	,314	,350	,847
			16 years and above	1,270*	,385	,013
6-10 years		1-5 year(s)	,012	,323	1,000	
		11-15 years	,326	,360	,844	
		16 years and above	1,282*	,394	,015	
11-15 years		1-5 year(s)	-,314	,350	,847	
		6-10 years	-,326	,360	,844	
		16 years and above	,956	,416	,155	
16 years and above		1-5 year(s)	-1,270*	,385	,013	
		6-10 years	-1,282*	,394	,015	
		11-15 years	-,956	,416	,155	
General Scale		1-5 year(s)	6-10 year(s)	1,238	1,981	,942
			11-15 years	4,648	2,144	,197
			16 years and above	8,462*	2,360	,005
	6-10 years	1-5 year(s)	-1,238	1,981	,942	
		11-15 years	3,410	2,207	,497	
		16 years and above	7,224*	2,417	,031	
	11-15 years	1-5 year(s)	-4,648	2,144	,197	
		6-10 years	-3,410	2,207	,497	
		16 years and above	3,814	2,552	,526	
	16 years and above	1-5 year(s)	-8,462*	2,360	,005	
		6-10 years	-7,224*	2,417	,031	
		11-15 years	-3,814	2,552	,526	

As shown in Table 7, according to the seniority of teachers' perception of managers' level of communication competency, difference between the groups of general communication Scheffe test was done and the test result, the difference in the total scale of 1-5 years seniority and those who have a seniority of 6-10 years those with less than

16 years of age and those with seniority have been found to be more positive for school managers. The same results were observed in all sub-dimensions.

Table 8. Teachers' level of perception about general communication levels of school managers' Anova test results

<i>f, x ve ss Values</i>					<i>ANOVA Results</i>					
Point	Age	N	$\bar{x}$	<i>Ss</i>	Var. K.	<i>KT</i>	<i>Sd</i>	<i>KO</i>	F	<i>P</i>
GIYB	39 years and below	105	26,10	3,734	G. Between	429,445	2	214,722	13,443	,000
	40–49 years	184	26,53	3,511	G. In	5877,968	368	15,973		
	50 years and above	82	23,82	5,179	Total	6307,412	370			
	Total	371	25,81	4,129						
EYB	39 years and below	105	29,65	4,183	G. Between	362,112	2	181,056	8,627	,000
	40–49 years	184	29,88	4,063	G. In	7723,392	368	20,987		
	50 years and above	82	27,43	5,965	Total	8085,504	370			
	Total	371	29,27	4,675						
BDYB	39 years and below	105	21,79	2,752	G. Between	266,677	2	133,338	14,375	,000
	40–49 years	184	21,80	2,668	G. In	3413,469	368	9,276		
	50 years ad above	82	19,76	4,042	Total	3680,146	370			
	Total	371	21,35	3,154						
EDYB	39 years and below	105	18,14	2,363	G. Between	185,140	2	92,570	16,361	,000
	40–49 years	184	18,40	1,911	G. In	2082,176	368	5,658		
	50 years and above	82	16,62	3,207	Total	2267,315	370			
	Total	371	17,93	2,475						
SRYB	39 years and below	105	13,02	1,787	G. Between	115,877	2	57,939	13,947	,000
	40–49 years	184	13,05	1,813	G. In	1528,796	368	4,154		
	50 years and above	82	11,70	2,711	Total	1644,674	370			
	Total	371	12,74	2,108						
General Scale	39 years and below	105	108,70	13,072	G. Between	6446,188	2	3223,094	14,942	,000
	40–49 years	184	109,66	12,521	G. In	79380,712	368	215,708		
	50 years and above	82	99,32	20,159	Total	85826,900	370			
	Total	371	107,11	15,230						

As shown in Table 8, the ANOVA test was used to determine the difference between the level of general communication perceived in the school managers according to teachers' seniority and there was no significant difference in Social Comfort Competence Dimension.

Table 9. Scheffe test results

Aspect	Year (i)	Years (j)	$\bar{x}_i - \bar{x}_j$	$Sh_{\bar{x}}$	P
GIYB	39 years and below	40-49 years	-,422	,489	,689
		50 years and above	2,288*	,589	,001
	40-49 years	39 years and below	,422	,489	,689
		50 years and above	2,710*	,531	,000
	50 years and above	39 years and below	-2,288*	,589	,001
		40-49 years	-2,710*	,531	,000
EYB	39 years and below	40-49 years	-,233	,560	,917
		50 years and above	2,221*	,675	,005
	40-49 years	39 years and below	,233	,560	,917
		50 years and above	2,454*	,608	,000
	50 years and above	39 years and below	-2,221*	,675	,005
		40-49 years	-2,454*	,608	,000
BDYB	39 years and below	40-49 years	-,014	,372	,999
		50 years and above	2,034*	,449	,000
	40-49 years	39 yaş ve altı	,014	,372	,999
		50 yaş ve üz	2,048*	,404	,000
	50 years and above	39 yaş ve altı	-2,034*	,449	,000
		40-49 yaş	-2,048*	,404	,000
EDYB	39 years and below	40-49 yaş	-,254	,291	,684
		50 yaş ve üz	1,521*	,351	,000
	40-49 years	39 yaş ve altı	,254	,291	,684
		50 yaş ve üz	1,775*	,316	,000
	50 years and above	39 years and below	-1,521*	,351	,000
		40-49 years	-1,775*	,316	,000
SRYB	39 years ve above	40-49 years	-,035	,249	,990
		50 years and above	1,324*	,300	,000
	40-49 years	39 years and below	,035	,249	,990
		50 years and above	1,359*	,271	,000
	50 years and above	39 years and below	-1,324*	,300	,000
		40-49 years	-1,359*	,271	,000
Genel Ölçek	39 years and below	40-49 years	-,958	1,796	,867
		50 years and above	9,388*	2,164	,000
	40-49 years	39 years and below	,958	1,796	,867
		50 years and above	10,346*	1,950	,000
	50 years and above	39 years and below	-9,388*	2,164	,000
		40-49 years	-10,346*	1,950	,000

As shown in Table 9, the Scheffe test was used to determine the difference between the groups of general communication levels of the school managers depending on the ages of the school managers. It is observed that the individuals who have less have evaluated the school principals more positively. The same results were observed in all sub-dimensions.

School Atmosphere Levels According to Teachers' Perceptions.

According to teachers' perceptions, school climate scale levels are given in Table 10.

Table 10. School atmosphere total points and arithmetic mean, standard deviation values of all sub-dimensions

Aspect	N	$\bar{x}$	Ss
Aspects of Being Democratic and Dedication to School	371	25,47	3,576
Aspects of Leadership and Interaction	371	25,61	4,034
Aspect of Success Factors	371	17,05	2,377
Aspect of Sincerity	371	11,93	2,171
Aspect of Conflict	371	8,99	3,401
General Scale	371	89,06	9,142

As shown in Table 10, it was found that the scores of the school's atmosphere scale according to the perceptions of the teachers of the sample group were Being Democratic and Dedication to school aspect scores ( $\bar{x}=25,47$ ,

ss=3.576), and the Leadership and Interaction aspect scores ( $\bar{x}=25.61$ , ss=4.034), Success Factors aspect scores ( $\bar{x}=17,053$ , ss=2,377), Sincerity Aspect scores ( $\bar{x}=11,93$ , ss=2,171), Conflict Aspect scores ( $\bar{x}=8,99$ , ss=3,401), Total Scale scores ( $\bar{x}=89,06$ , ss=9,142). According to teachers' perceptions, school atmosphere levels are as follows: Being Democratic and Dedication Aspect to School is "always", Leadership and Interaction Aspects as "always", Aspects of Factors of Success as "always", Sincerity Aspect is as "most of the time", Conflict Aspect is as "Rarely".

Evaluation of School Atmosphere's Perceptions of Teachers According to Various Demographic Variables, differentiation analysis related to age, gender, educational status, seniority and age of school principal are given below.

Table 11. Mann Whitney u test results of school climate perceptions according to teachers' position

Point	Position	N	$\bar{X}_{sira}$	$\Sigma_{sira}$	U	z	p
DOAB	Teacher	349	184,76	64479,50	3404,500	-,896	,370
	Manager assistant	22	205,75	4526,50			
	Total	371					
LEB	Teacher	349	183,59	64071,50	2996,500	-1,741	,082
	Manager assistant	22	224,30	4934,50			
	Total	371					
BEB	Teacher	349	184,72	64467,50	3392,500	-,927	,354
	Manager assistant	22	206,30	4538,50			
	Total	371					
SB	Teacher	349	182,49	63690,50	2615,500	-2,548	,011
	Manager assistant	22	241,61	5315,50			
	Total	371					
ÇB	Teacher	349	184,89	64528,00	3453,000	-,795	,427
	Manager assistant	22	203,55	4478,00			
	Total	371					
General Scale	Teacher	349	183,57	64065,50	2990,500	-1,740	,082
	Manager assistant	22	224,57	4940,50			
	Total	371					

As shown in Table 11, Mann Whitney U Test was used to determine the differences between school atmosphere's perceptions of teachers according to their duties.

In the dimension of intimacy, the deputy principals evaluated the school atmosphere more positively than the teachers.

Table 12. T test results of teachers' perceptions of school in terms of their genders

Point	Gender	N	$\bar{X}$	SS	Sh <sub>x</sub>	t Test		
						t	Sd	p
DOAB	Male	148	25,66	3,681	,303	,806	369	,421
	Female	223	25,35	3,507	,235			
LEB	Male	148	26,05	3,895	,320	1,698	369	,090
	Female	223	25,32	4,106	,275			
BEB	Male	148	17,06	2,405	,198	,081	369	,935
	Female	223	17,04	2,364	,158			
SB	Male	148	11,73	2,329	,191	-1,469	369	,143
	Female	223	12,07	2,053	,138			
ÇB	Male	148	8,70	3,275	,269	-1,348	369	,178
	Female	223	9,19	3,476	,233			
General Scale	Male	148	89,20	9,562	,786	,234	369	,815
	Female	223	88,97	8,873	,594			

As shown in Table 12, T test was performed to determine the differences between school atmosphere perceptions of teachers according to their gender and no significant difference was found between the total scale and other sub-dimensions.

Table 13. Kruskal Wallis H Test results of school atmosphere perceptions of teachers according to their education

Point	Education	N	$\bar{X}_{sıra}$	$\chi^2$	p
DOAB	College	16	192,63	1,721	,423
	Undergraduate	332	183,78		
	Master's Degree	23	213,37		
	Total	371			
LEB	College	16	229,69	3,269	,195
	Undergraduate	332	183,04		
	Master's Degree	23	198,39		
	Total	371			
BEB	Yüksek Okul	16	208,16	3,156	,206
	Undergraduate	332	182,70		
	Master's Degree	23	218,22		
	Total	371			
SB	Yüksek Okul	16	204,56	5,660	,059
	Undergraduate	332	181,82		
	Master's Degree	23	233,43		
	Total	371			
ÇB	Yüksek Okul	16	202,75	,532	,767
	Undergraduate	332	185,76		
	Master's Degree	23	177,78		
	Total	371			
General Scale	Yüksek Okul	16	217,44	3,043	,218
	Undergraduate	332	182,69		
	Master's Degree	23	211,96		
	Total	371			

As shown in Table 13, the Kruskal Wallis H Test was used to determine the differences between school atmosphere perceptions of teachers according to their education and no significant difference was found between the total scale and other sub-dimensions.

Table 14. Anova test results of school atmosphere perceptions by teachers' seniorities

$f_i$ X ve SS Values					ANOVA Results								
Point	Seniority	N	x	ss	Var. K.	KT	Sd	KO	F	p			
DOAB	1-5 year(s)	123	25,24	3,622	G. Between	34,982	3	11,661	,911	,436			
	6-10 years	107	25,94	3,247		G. In					4695,471	367	12,794
	11-15 years	81	25,25	3,430		Total					4730,453	370	
	16 years and above	60	25,42	4,192									
	Total	371	25,47	3,576									
LEB	1-5 year(s)	123	25,79	3,926	G. Between	44,548	3	14,849	,912	,435			
	6-10 years	107	25,96	3,762		G. In					5975,560	367	16,282
	11-15 years	81	25,07	3,859		Total					6020,108	370	
	16 years and above	60	25,35	4,878									
	Total	371	25,61	4,034									
BEB	1-5 year(s)	123	17,11	2,371	G. Between	,817	3	,272	,048	,986			
	6-10 years	107	17,02	2,603		G. In					2090,310	367	5,696
	11-15 years	81	16,99	2,353		Total					2091,127	370	
	16 years and above	60	17,07	2,033									
	Total	371	17,05	2,377									
SB	1-5 yıl	123	11,87	2,150	G. Between	18,498	3	6,166	1,312	,270			
	6-10 yıl	107	12,27	2,086		G. In					1724,817	367	4,700
	11-15 yıl	81	11,73	2,056		Total					1743,315	370	
	16 yıl ve üz	60	11,73	2,476									
	Toplam	371	11,93	2,171									
ÇB	1-5 yıl	123	9,16	3,077	G. Between	5,312	3	1,771	,152	,928			
	6-10 yıl	107	8,89	3,175		G. In					4274,677	367	11,648
	11-15 yıl	81	8,94	3,607		Total					4279,989	370	
	16 yıl ve üz	60	8,92	4,139									
	Toplam	371	8,99	3,401									
General Scale	1-5 yıl	123	89,16	8,490	G. Between	228,771	3	76,257	,912	,435			
	6-10 yıl	107	90,08	8,316		G. In					30693,925	367	83,635
	11-15 yıl	81	87,98	9,286		Total					30922,695	370	
	16 yıl ve üz	60	88,48	11,402									
	Toplam	371	89,06	9,142									

As shown in Table 14 , ANOVA Test was used to determine the differences between school climate perceptions of teachers according to their seniority and no significant difference was found in the total scale other sub-dimensions.

Table 15. Anova test results of school climate perceptions by teachers' age

<i>f, x ve ss Values</i>					ANOVA Results					
Point	Groups	N	$\bar{x}$	<i>Ss</i>	Var. K.	<i>KT</i>	<i>Sd</i>	<i>KO</i>	F	<i>P</i>
DOAB	39 years and below	105	25,19	4,017	G. Between	55,273	2	27,637	2,175	,115
	40-49 years	184	25,85	3,167	G. in	4675,180	368	12,704		
	50 years and above	82	24,98	3,787	Total	4730,453	370			
	Total	371	25,47	3,576						
LEB	39 years and below	105	25,41	4,090	G. Between	188,418	2	94,209	5,945	,003
	40-49 years	184	26,24	3,459	G. in	5831,690	368	15,847		
	50 years and above	82	24,45	4,846	Total	6020,108	370			
	Total	371	25,61	4,034						
BEB	39 years and below	105	16,78	2,777	G. Between	14,262	2	7,131	1,264	,284
	40-49 years	184	17,23	2,113	G. in	2076,864	368	5,644		
	50 years and above	82	16,98	2,378	Total	2091,127	370			
	Total	371	17,05	2,377						
SB	39 years and below	105	11,60	2,352	G. Between	16,519	2	8,259	1,760	,173
	40-49 years	184	12,09	2,052	G. in	1726,797	368	4,692		
	50 years and above	82	12,01	2,169	Toplam	1743,315	370			
	Total	371	11,93	2,171						
ÇB	39 yaş ve altı	105	8,85	3,838	G. Between	76,929	2	38,464	3,368	,036
	40-49 yaş	184	8,70	2,985	G. in	4203,061	368	11,421		
	50 yaş ve üz	82	9,84	3,585	Total	4279,989	370			
	Toplam	371	8,99	3,401						
Genel Ölçek	39 yaş ve altı	105	87,83	9,850	G. Between	418,790	2	209,395	2,526	,081
	40-49 yaş	184	90,12	8,009	G. in	30503,906	368	82,891		
	50 yaş ve üz	82	88,26	10,349	Total	30922,695	370			
	Toplam	371	89,06	9,142						

As shown in Table 15, an ANOVA test was used to determine the differences between school administrators' perceptions of school climate according to their age.

Table 16. Scheffe test results for determining the significant difference between school agents' age and teacher age groups

Aspect of Average	Score (i)	Average Score (j)	$\bar{x}_i - \bar{x}_j$	$Sh_{\bar{x}}$	<i>P</i>
LEB	39 years and below	40-49 years	-,835	,487	,231
		50 years and above	,958	,587	,265
	40-49 years	39 yaş ve altı	,835	,487	,231
		50 yaş ve üz	1,793*	,529	,003
	50 years and above	39 years and below	-,958	,587	,265
		40-49 years	-1,793*	,529	,003
ÇB	39 years and below	40-49 years	,147	,413	,939
		50 years and above	-,994	,498	,138
	40-49 years	39 years and below	-,147	,413	,939
		50 years and above	-1,140*	,449	,041
	50 years and above	39 years and below	,994	,498	,138
		40-49 years	1,140*	,449	,041

Table 16 to determine the differences between school principals' school climate perceptions of teachers according to their age, Leadership and Interaction Size and Conflict Dimension to identify groups that have a significant difference in the Scheffe test was conducted and the results of the leadership and interaction in the sub-dimension 40- It was observed that the school principals of the age group of 40-49 years who had a significant difference between the 49 age group and the age group of 50 and above evaluated the school principals more positively, and

the group which is 50 years of age and above evaluated more positively in the conflict dimension by the 40-49 year olds.

#### Correlation Analysis Between Communication Competence and School Climate

Correlation Analysis between Communication Proficiency Scale and School Climate Results are given in Table 17.

Table 17. Results of the correlation analysis

		EYB	BDYB	EDYB	SRYB	Genel Ölçek	DOAB	LEB	BEB	SB	ÇB	General Scale
GIYB	R	,860**	,843**	,793**	,750**	,942**	,474**	,673**	,345**	,280**	-,269**	,539**
	P	,000	,000	,000	,000	,000	,000	,000	,000	,000	,000	,000
	N	371	371	371	371	371	371	371	371	371	371	371
EYB	R	1	,827**	,792**	,782**	,948**	,471**	,688**	,371**	,294**	-,263**	,556**
	P		,000	,000	,000	,000	,000	,000	,000	,000	,000	,000
	N		371	371	371	371	371	371	371	371	371	371
BDYB	R		1	,778**	,761**	,921**	,425**	,641**	,326**	,276**	-,288**	,492**
	P			,000	,000	,000	,000	,000	,000	,000	,000	,000
	N			371	371	371	371	371	371	371	371	371
EDYB	R			1	,744**	,884**	,538**	,724**	,435**	,329**	-,305**	,608**
	P				,000	,000	,000	,000	,000	,000	,000	,000
	N				371	371	371	371	371	371	371	371
SRYB	R				1	,860**	,458**	,678**	,392**	,356**	-,216**	,584**
	P					,000	,000	,000	,000	,000	,000	,000
	N					371	371	371	371	371	371	371
Genel Ölçek	R					1	,512**	,738**	,400**	,326**	-,292**	,598**
	P						,000	,000	,000	,000	,000	,000
	N						371	371	371	371	371	371
DOAB	R						1	,711**	,699**	,499**	-,462**	,833**
	P							,000	,000	,000	,000	,000
	N							371	371	371	371	371
LEB	R							1	,594**	,482**	-,382**	,846**
	P								,000	,000	,000	,000
	N								371	371	371	371
BEB	R								1	,505**	-,377**	,775**
	P									,000	,000	,000
	N									371	371	371
SB	R									1	-,324**	,656**
	P										,000	,000
	N										371	371
ÇB	R										1	-,152**
	P											,003
	N											371

In the result of the analysis which was conducted to determine the correlation between Communicative Competency and School Atmosphere, except in the aspect of conflict, in all of the subdimensions positive significant correlations were seen. It can be said that this result is coherent as the aspect of conflict consists of negative articles. When these results are taken into consideration it can be said that according to teachers' perceptions as school managers' communicative competencies increase so does the perception about school's atmosphere.

#### 4. Conclusion and Discussions

The findings, which are acquired as a result of this research, were evaluated to show and explain the correlational analysis between competency of communication and school atmosphere by assessing the teachers perceptions of school managers' levels of general communications. These perceptions about the levels were then assessed in terms of various demographic variables and school teachers' perceptions of school atmosphere's various demographic variables.

In assessment of teachers' perception of school managers' general communication levels in comparison with demographic variables: There was no significant differences found in teachers' perception of school managers'

levels of general communication in the general scale and subdimension, in terms of the teachers' educations and their duties.

While there were significant differences in teachers' perceptions of school managers' Socialrelaxation competence among the levels of general communication in comparison with those teachers' genders, there were no significant differences found in the general scale and other subdimensions (Aspect of General Communication Competency, Aspect Emphaty Competency, Aspect of Affiliation/Support Competency, Aspect of Behavioral flexibility, Aspect of Socialrelaxation Competency, General Competency Aspect).

In terms of Socialrelaxation competency, it was seen that men are inclined to assess school managers more positively when compared to women. In a similar study, according to Gökkaya (2009): In terms of teachers' perceiving school manager's communicative skills, teachers' genders contributed to significant differentiations in emotions of this perception ( $t=2,08$   $v_{ep}=0,038$ ). According to this, female teachers evaluate the emotional aspect of school teachers' communicative skills as more negative than male teachers do. According to Ayık (2016), it is seen that teachers perceived school managers' communicative skills the highest in "Socialrelaxation" aspect, followed respectively by "understanding-emphaty" and "support" aspects. On the other hand total sum of all the subdimensions of communicative skills was calculated as  $X=3.94$ . In the light of these findings it is appropriate to say that school managers' communicative skills are at good levels in the range of "most of the time". Since in our country the number of male school managers is higher than female school managers; men stated that school managers have positive socialrelaxation levels when they communicate with school managers.

While in terms of considering teachers' seniority, among the levels of general communication skills, in teachers' perception of school managers' socialrelaxation aspect there is no significant differences found, in all other subdimensions of the total scale, there were significant differences found. (Aspect of General Communication Skill, Aspet of Emphaty Competenc, Aspect of Affiliation/Support Competency, Aspect of behavioral flexibility Competency). It was seen that aforementioned difference is in seniorities of groups with 1–5 years, an in between seniorities of groups with 6–10 and 16 above while it was seen that groups having little seniorities evaluated school managers as more positive. In all subdimensions the result is seen to be present. In a similar study by Tunç (2015) it was seen that between school managers' communicative competencies and teachers' branch and their occupational seniority there is a significant difference. In the variable of occupational seniortiy, seniorities of 30 years and above cause a significant difference by having the smallest average.

In another study which was conducted by Casiadi (2017), it was seen that teachers' views vary in relation with school managers' communication styles that they adopt, according to teachers' period of service. According to the result, it is seen that differences between teachers are seen more with the teachers that have 1–5 years of service. Teachers having little seniority may have less opportunity of comparing as they don't get to work with different school managers. Teachers having little seniorities evaluate as more positive since they lack experience.

In terms of teachers' perceptions of school managers' general communication skills in comparison with these school managers' ages, it was found that in the total scale and all other subdimensions there is a significant difference. (Aspect of General Communicative Competency, Aspect of Competence of Emphaty, Aspect of affiliation/support Competency, Aspect of Behavioral Flexibility Competency, Aspect of Socialrelaxation Competency). According to school managers' ages, there was a significant difference found in teachers' perception of school managers' levels of general communication, in total scale and all other subdimensions. It was seen that in the aforementioned difference, there is a significant difference in the total scale between the group of 50 and above years and other groups. Moreoever it was also seen that individuals who are young evaluated school managers as more positive.

According to Şimşek (2003), teachers with seniority 6–10 years and 11–15 years and teachers with 3–4 years and 5–6 years in their schools have likewise views on the relationship between school culture and communication skills of school principals. exhibit a downward trend. It is thought that the main reason for this is that teachers do not feel the need to give importance to educational and managerial variables as they were in previous periods because they have accepted them to school members. Therefore, it is seen that the above comments on the task and seniority support each other. Teachers with seniority between 16–20 years and above and the teachers whose terms of service are 7–8 years and above have similar tendencies towards the relationship between school culture and communication skills of school principals.

Young teachers may have high expectations of communication skills from school principals. Teachers who have just graduated from the Faculty may not have much knowledge and skills about communication processes at school. Teachers with a high level may have the opportunity to compare the communication skills of school principals because they work in different schools.

### Evaluation of Teachers' Perceptions of School Climate by Various Demographic Variables

When the relevant area scanned forms the basis of education of the majority of the work done in Turkey about climate on the primary (Barnes, 2007; Tahaoğlu, 2007; Akar, 2006; Aceti, 2006; Emeksiz, 2003; Süpç, 2000; Oktaylar, 1997; Dagi, 1996; Turner, 1996; Öztürk, 1995). It has been observed that the researches conducted in secondary education, especially in the general upper secondary school (Karataş, 2008; Günbay, 2003; Köksal, 1991; Peker, 1993; Ekşi, 2006), encompasses the views and perceptions of teachers about school climate. According to the tasks of teachers, there was a significant difference in the dimension of sincerity between school perceptions and no significant difference was found between the total scale and other sub-dimensions. (Democratization and Adoption Size, Leadership and Interaction Dimension, Factors of Success, Conflict Size). In the dimension of intimacy, the deputy principals evaluated the school climate more positively than the teachers. In another study, according to Sönmez (2016), it is important to show that the gender status of teachers differentiates their perceptions about the intimacy dimension of school climate. In this respect, female teachers perceive the school climate as more sincere than male teachers.

According to the gender, education and seniority of the teachers, there was no significant difference between the school climate perceptions and other sub-dimensions. (Democratization and Adoption Size, Leadership and Interaction Dimension, Success Factors Dimension, Sincerity Size, Conflict Size). Unlike this result, Saygılı (2010) found that school climate scale scores showed a significant difference in favor of male teachers according to gender variable. It was found that there was a significant difference in favor of female teachers according to gender variable of Sincerity subscale scores of School Climate Scale. It was determined that there was a significant difference according to the education climate of school climate scale scores and the difference between the graduate education group and the other education group group in favor of the graduate education group. It was found that the School Climate Scale disagreement subscale scores showed a significant difference according to the occupational year variable, and this difference was found to be in favor of employees for less than 5 years and less than 5 years among employees working for 16 years or more.

While there was a significant difference between the school climate perceptions of teachers and school climate perceptions, there was no significant difference between the total scale and other sub-dimensions. There is a significant difference between the 40–49 age group in the leadership and interaction sub-dimension group with the age group of 50 years and over, they have seen their managers more confrontational.

Similar to these findings, Saygılı (2010) found that the 51–60 age group and the 51–60 age group had higher scores among the 51–60 age group. It was determined that there was a significant difference according to the age variable of the school climate scale sincerity subscale scores, and the difference was in favor of 41–50 age group between the age group of 30 and six and 41–50 age group.

### Correlation Analysis Between Communication Competence and School Climate

As a result of the correlation analysis conducted to determine the correlation between communication competence and school climate, it was seen that there was a significant positive correlation in all sub-dimensions except conflict dimension. It can be said that this result is consistent because the conflict size is composed of negative articles. When these results are taken into consideration, it can be said that the perception of school climate has increased as the communication adequacy of school principals increased.

### 5. Recommendations

- 1) Detecting how much of the problems which occur in schools stem from communicational problems and development of appropriate strategies may help contribute in creating a healthy communicational environment in educational organizations.
- 2) At the levels of school managers' communicative skills, a cooperation must be established with the universities and they must be informed as communication is a two-way process.
- 3) Based on school managers' having communicative skills' being an important factor in schools' having positive atmosphere, in service trainings and seminars for improving school managers' communicative skills must be organized.
- 4) In terms of school atmosphere, it was found that in the aspect of sincerity there is significant difference of perception of school manager's assistants compared to teachers. In that sense it may be suggested that teachers and school managers organize social activities where they can spend time together to increase the sincerity (dining, family visits, football, volleyball or sport activities etc...)

- 5) To create a positive school atmosphere school managers must communicate more with teachers who has much more seniorities.
- 6) School managers can create a positive school atmosphere by observing teachers' attitudes towards school's climate and their occupations.
- 7) School managers must gather periodically to brainstorm about manage executive issues, they must be able to improve communicative skills and must exchange ideas about creating a positive school atmosphere.
- 8) School managers and teachers must put effort to make the environment they are in a positive one and must take necessary precautions. For this condition to be evaluated they must periodically conduct meetings to make self-evaluation.

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