

School Climate

Teachers Guide to Promoting a Positive School Climate

A safe supportive school environment, in which students have positive social relationships and are respected, engaged in their work and feel competent, matters. Teachers can assist in promoting a positive school climate by developing an action plan. Some of the steps of creating that plan are as follows:

- *Identify a team to address positive school climate & bullying prevention.*
- *Conduct resource mapping to identify programs & gaps.*
- *Review policies and procedures to be sure they are up to date & consistent.*
- *Establish resources for responding to both targets & those displaying bullying behaviors.*
- *Establish a student advisory group.*
- *Choose a method to access school safety.*
- *Train all staff in awareness, prevention & intervention.*
- *Provide training for students.*
- *Provide increased supervision in areas of concern.*
- *Schedule periodic resource mapping.*

Benefits of a positive school climate:

- *Continual academic achievement & social growth.*
- *Students have high self-esteem and are considerate of others.*
- *Cohesiveness and a sense of belonging.*
- *High student morale.*
- *Students are able to contribute ideas and participate.*

