Improving School Climate to Help Prevent Bullying

**WHAT is school climate?**

School climate refers to the quality and character of school life. The more positive school culture is, the better kids will be able to learn.²

**A Healthy School Climate Is...**

- Inclusive, respectful, and safe
- Collaborative, involving everyone
- Safe, physically, emotionally, and socially
- Respectful and involving everyone

**Who contributes to school climate?**

- Students
- Volunteers
- Families
- School staff

**How to Improve School Climate and Prevent Bullying and Violence**

- Be Personable
- Provide Praise to Students Liberally
- Encourage Peer Support
- Have an Open Door
- Include Students Who are Left Out

**Signs of Negative School Climate**

Some concerning actions at school can disrupt learning and threaten safety.

- 88% of middle schools reported violence
- 22% of high schools had access to weapons
- 21% of students 13-18 years old reported bullying
- 15% of students 12-18 years old reported drugs
- 6% of high school students were threatened or injured

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