Through the Eyes of Students: POSITIVE SCHOOL CLIMATE for All

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Purpose: Positive school climate for bullying prevention, academic success, & meaningful relationships.

BIG IDEA: DO SOMETHING!

What does a positive school climate look, sound, feel, & smell taste like?

Developing Positive School Climate
Do something everyday!

Coercive Cycle

KID (-) School Climate
- Non-compliance & non-cooperation
- Disrespect
- Low academic engagement
- Teasing, harassment, & intimidation
- Disengagement & withdrawal
- Nonattendance, tardy, & truancy
- Violent/aggressive behavior
- Littering, graffiti, & vandalism
- Substance use

SCHOOL (-) School climate
- Reactive management
- Exclusionary disciplinary practices
- Informal social skills instruction
- Poor implementation fidelity of effective practices
- Inefficient organization support
- Poor leadership preparation
- Non-data-based decision making
- Inefficient, ineffective instruction
- Negative adult role models
Why is negative school climate undesirable?

Environments of control

Triggers antisocial behavior

Shifts responsibility for change

Damages relationship

Weakens academic & social development

What’s It Take to Shift from Negative to Positive School Climate??

Establish positive school climate

Maximizing academic success

Teaching important social skills

Modeling good behavior

Recognizing good behavior

Communicating positively

Supervising actively

Biglan, Calwin, Mayer, Patterson, Reid, Walker

Teaching social behavior explicitly like academic behavior

“Teach me & show me how!”

Teaching social like academic skills

Define simply

Adjust instruction for efficiency & new settings

Model & demonstrate range of examples

Monitor & provide performance feedback & reinforcement

Practice in range of natural settings
Cultural learning history

Experiences shape future action.

Schools are diverse, interesting, & multicultural!

Is culture (experience & learning history) being considered?

END GOAL

POSITIVE SCHOOL-WIDE CLIMATE FOR ALL
Students, Family, School, Community

Common Language
Common Experience
Common Vision/Values
Quality Leadership

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