

SCHOOL CULTURE – ITS EFFECTS ON STUDENT’S LEARNING

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The common driving objective of a community is embodied in school culture. Mission statements and values are two variables that influence school culture and the academic experience as a whole. Take a moment to consider what your school community is doing. Is your school community living up to the ideals outlined in your mission statement? Every year, we must ask everyone in our school community, "Are you being heard?" You can guarantee that your whole school community gets the opportunity to voice their views by using a horizontal, shared leadership approach. Activities and information will vary as our school community evolves from year to year. When educators are professionally observant and serve as designers of learning experiences, we bring a shared emphasis to the mission's common goal. Every member of our school's community is accountable for influencing the culture. An inclusive culture values the individuality of each student and educator. In *Creating an Inclusive School*, inclusion is characterized as a belief system rather than a collection of tactics. An inclusive classroom, for example, needs adjustments and support, as well as a strong attitude and disposition on the part of the educator.

Maintaining student involvement improves our school community and fosters a culture of trust and respect. When students and educators are active in what happens in the classroom, everyone has a place and a voice. Students who feel appreciated are more invested in their education and take control of their development. Activities involving students and educators strengthen relationships and foster respect. Consider developing an annual project in which students may engage to expand their abilities outside of the classroom. School culture has an impact on the students' families as well. Teachers must explain to parents why culture is important, but doing so needs trust and credibility. We

can begin to discuss the relevance of school culture with our student's families when we collaborate with them. When it comes to building and preserving school culture, it is critical to have the support of our kids' parents. As educators, we must recognize our responsibility in assisting parents in developing an appreciation for school culture. Bring parents to school to show them what their children are learning and to highlight the link between accomplishment and culture. Change isn't always easy, but it's always worthwhile. Students deserve a culture that adapts to their needs, and instructors deserve an atmosphere that allows them to experiment with new ideas.

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