

POSITIVE SCHOOL CLIMATE

Research indicates that student achievement is often higher in schools with a positive climate. The School Board expects a positive and welcoming climate in each school, with safe, well-managed classrooms and common areas, clearly stated high expectations about individual responsibility, and whose teachers and staff consistently acknowledge all students and fairly address students' behavior.

School Climate refers to the social and environmental factors that contribute to students' experience of, and attitude towards, their school. School climate is related to how well students feel connected with others at their school. Without a positive school climate, students are unlikely to consider their school as a place in which they are welcomed, challenged and nurtured.

The Superintendent or designee may implement and support strength-based activities such as Positive Behavior Support (PBS) and Social Emotional Learning (SEL) efforts, youth leadership initiatives, family involvement in schools, and community service projects.

All members of the school community, including staff, students, administrators, school board members and visitors, are expected to serve as role models by demonstrating positive attitudes, cultural sensitivity, and respect to students and staff members. Staff shall use effective classroom management strategies to foster positive social interactions among students, and encourage and recognize activities that foster a positive school climate.

The Superintendent or designee may administer the School Climate and Connectedness Survey on a regular basis, shall share results with the school board, staff, students and the community, and commit to improving school climate and connectedness ratings.

(cf. 6141.3 - Multicultural Education)

(cf. 6142.4 - Community Service)

The schools shall not tolerate any form of harassment, intimidation, or bullying. Anyone who engages in these acts shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary procedures.

(cf. 5131.4 - Campus Disturbances)

(cf. 5131.43 - Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying)

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

Legal References (see next page)

Students

BP 5137 (b)

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Legal Reference:

ALASKA STATUTES

14.33.200 Harassment, intimidation and bullying policy

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