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Parent & Caregiver Survey Success Strategies

Safe School

A safe and inclusive school is one in which all children experience a learning environment free from violence, bullying, and harassment, while also promoting acceptance, belonging, and progress toward personal, social, emotional, and academic goals. School-wide responsiveness to emergencies, support for students who have been bullied and considerations for diversity and inclusion are also facets of safe and inclusive schools. Safe schools provide fair and supportive conditions that allow students to develop to their full potential (Morrison et al., 1994). In order to advance school safety considerations, parents should be involved in the active planning and implementation of a safe school climate (Soliman et al., 2018).



Why is it important?

- School safety and order are crucial antecedents of student learning (Cornell & Mayer, 2010).
- Children who feel safe at school are more likely to do well academically, complete high school, and are less likely to have mental health problems (Côté-Lussier & Fitzpatrick, 2016).
- When students perceive their school as unsafe it is associated with negative outcomes, including poor attendance and increased problem behaviour (Bowen & Bowen, 1999).
- Schools can strengthen student resilience and preparedness in the face of emergencies by involving the whole school community in emergency planning (Atillo et al., 2025).

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In Practice



What can schools do to create a safe and inclusive environment?

Schools should develop policies and interventions that emphasize preventative strategies in relation to school safety and that help establish bonds for alienated and at-risk students.

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