

# Improving School Climate to Help Prevent Bullying

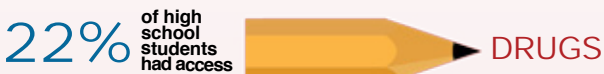
## WHAT is school climate?

School climate refers to the **quality and character of school life**.<sup>1</sup> The more positive school culture is, the better kids will be able to learn.<sup>2</sup>

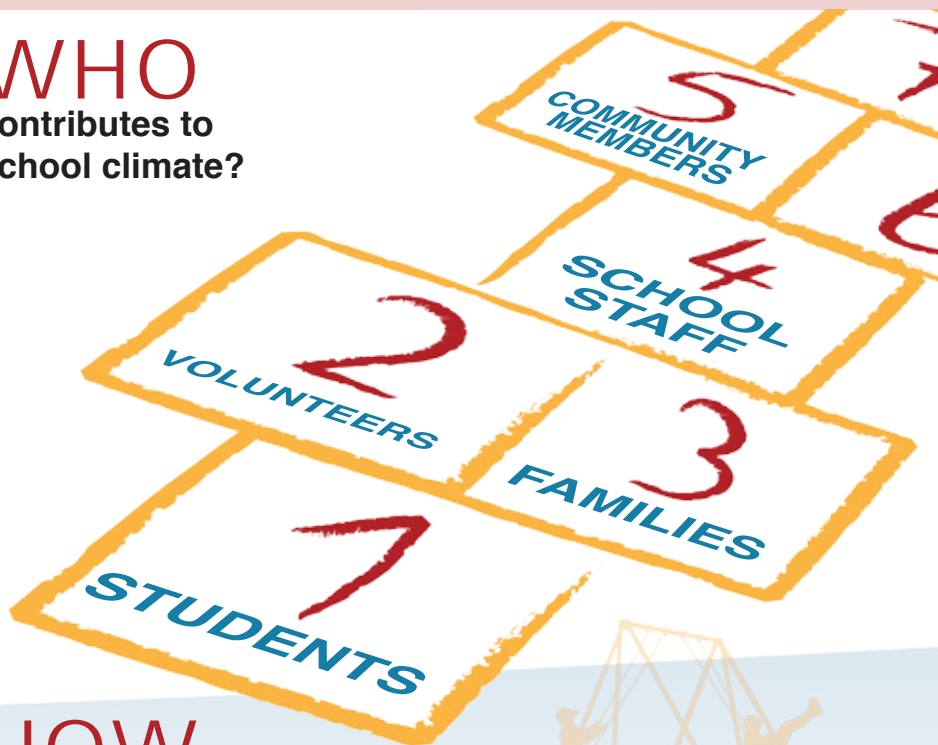


## Signs of Negative School Climate<sup>4</sup>

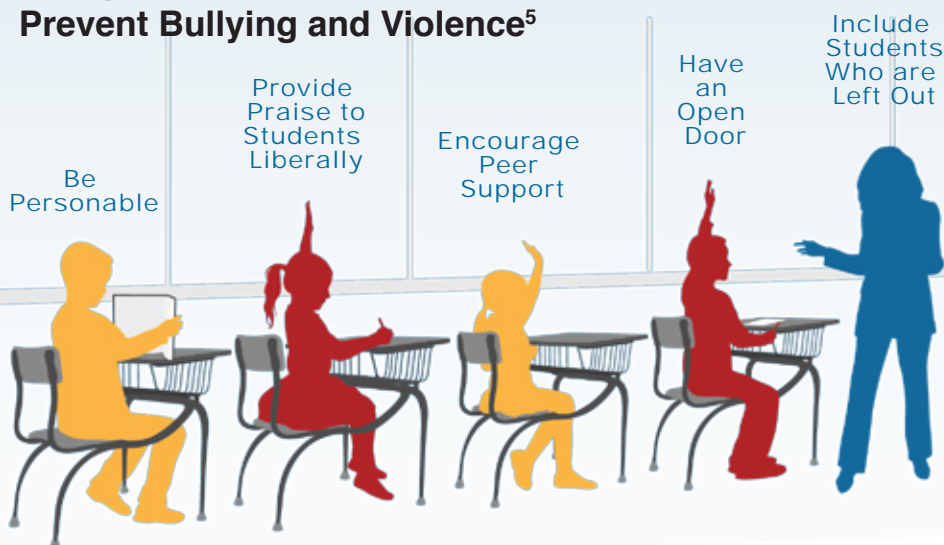
Some concerning actions at school can disrupt learning and threaten safety.



## WHO contributes to school climate?



## HOW to Improve School Climate and Prevent Bullying and Violence<sup>5</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Cohen, J., McCabe, E. M., Michelli, N. M., and Pickeral, T., "School Climate: Research, Policy, Practice, and Teacher Education," *Teachers College Record*, v111 n1 (2009): 180. <sup>2,3</sup> The National Academies Press, *Preventing Bullying Through Science, Policy, and Practice* (Washington, D.C.: 2016), 81-87. <sup>4</sup> Musu-Gillette, L., Zhang, A., Wang, K., Zhang, J., and Oudekerk, B. A. (2017). *Indicators of School Crime and Safety: 2016* (NCES 2017-064/NCJ 250650). National Center for Education Statistics, U.S. Department of Education, and Bureau of Justice Statistics, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., <https://nces.ed.gov/pubs2017/2017064.pdf>. <sup>5</sup> Sulkowski, M. and Lazarus, P., *Creating Safe and Supportive Schools and Fostering Students' Mental Health*, (Routledge. 2016), 227-246.