



# Asset #5: Caring School Climate

Youth are more likely to grow up healthy when their school provides a caring, encouraging environment.

School climate is the feel of a school - the mood and atmosphere you sense the moment you enter a building. You want a climate that promotes learning and is warm and positive.



## 3 Ways to Improve the Climate at Your Child's School:

1. Learn as much as you can about your child's school, the policies, the politics, and the general mood.
2. Get involved with a parent-teacher organization. Create a spirit of cooperation. Teachers, administrators, volunteers, and parents all want the best for kids.
3. Talk with your child about her or his thoughts and feelings about the school. Encourage your child to share those opinions with others through student government, a letter to the school newspaper, or simply talking to a teacher or administrator.

