

School Support in the Classroom

School support is how much students think their teachers care about their academic success.

When asked, “At my school there is a teacher/adult who believes I will be a success,” students responded:
Not at all true: 10% A little true: 22% Pretty much true: 36% Very much true: 33%

Build a Community

Email new students before school starts to say hello.

Greet each student as they enter the classroom each day.

Have daily meetings to create a sense of community.

Encourage teachers, principals, and counselors to connect electronically with students and stay in contact during the summer.

Start a Mentoring Program

Implement a program where adult mentors meet with students for 20 minutes once a week and establish a nurturing relationship (e.g., Check & Connect).

Mentors can seek training to be culturally sensitive.

Parents as Team Members

Call parents (with an interpreter if necessary) and work on addressing problems together before the problems become too severe.

Parents and students can be invited to regular meetings regarding how to be successful in school.

For more information about the Social Emotional Health Survey, see: www.project-covitality.info



When students feel like their teachers are caring and supportive, they can reach their full academic potential.

Studies have shown that school support is associated with many positive outcomes:

- Higher levels of classroom motivation and participation
- Better grades
- Greater social and academic competence
- Higher levels of enjoyment and acceptance by peers
- Fewer inappropriate classroom behaviors

Resources

- Promoting School Support
- Check & Connect
- Techniques to Build Parent-Teacher Relationships