



School Climate Discussion Guide

Take the next step toward planning your inspirED project with this discussion guide.

STEP 1

Discuss observations in these areas:

Support for Diversity:

- How well does your school foster an inclusive environment by supporting and celebrating students from all backgrounds?

Teaching Quality:

- How well does your school support students academic/social and emotional growth?

School Pride:

- How much is your school a place that people want to attend?

Student-Student Relationships:

- How well do students treat each other and support each other?

Student-Adult Relationships:

- How caring and supportive are adults?

Adult-Adult Relationships:

- How well do adults at the school support each other and get along?

Physical Safety:

- How clear and fair are the rules? How well are students protected from harm?

Psychological Safety:

- How safe do students feel to express themselves and their feelings at school?

Social Safety:

- How safe do students feel from teasing or social exclusion?

STEP 2

Consider these questions:

Representation

- Is the group of students who took the measure representative of your school at large?
- Are there other individuals or groups who need to be welcomed into the conversation?

Context

- Is there any specific contextual information (e.g. recent school, community, global events) that might have factored into students' responses?
- Based on what you already know about your school, what, if anything, surprised you about these findings and why?

Moving Forward

- What is a strength that your school has that you can continue to build upon?
- What are the most urgent or pressing concerns?
- What aspects of school climate did your group agree or disagree on?
- What information can provide guidance on where to begin improving the school experience for all students?