

Successful schools for students are characterized by a culture that includes:

- **Curriculum** that is relevant, challenging, integrative, and exploratory
- **Multiple learning and teaching approaches** that respond to their diversity
- **School-wide efforts and policies** that foster health, wellness, and safety



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- **A shared vision** that guides decisions
- An inviting, supportive, and safe **environment**
- Students and teachers **engaged** in **active learning**
- **Organizational structures** that support meaningful relationships and learning

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