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## Positive School Culture/Climate

The National School Climate Council developed standards that promote effective teaching, learning and comprehensive school improvement. These standards provide a research-based framework and benchmark criteria for educational leaders to support and assess district and school efforts to enhance and be accountable for school climate.

### National School Climate Standards:

#### Benchmarks to Promote Effective Teaching, Learning and Comprehensive School Improvement

An Arizona Department of Education study of high performing schools found a positive school culture to be one of the main factors leading to consistent exemplary results for the achievement of students with disabilities in relation to their non-disabled peers. Awarded the 2014 Charter School of the Year by the Arizona Charter Association, Villa Montessori Charter School demonstrates the principles of positive school culture in the video below.



► [Villa Montessori Charter School](#) (3:26)

