

WHAT MAKES

SCHOOLS SAFE

ALSO MAKES THEM

SUCCESSFUL

CLIMATE

CONNECTIONS

RELATIONSHIPS

No school can be 100% safe from violence or armed intruders. But communities and schools can reduce the likelihood of violence from within.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Students do academic work that makes **meaningful contributions** to the community. • Health services are offered students and families. • Creative expression is taught and encouraged.



For more info, see "Violence in U.S. K-12 Schools, 1974-2013" at www.ruraledu.org. © Rural School and Community Trust, 2013.

QUALITY RELATIONSHIPS

The quality of relationships is a core issue. • **Students and teachers are known**

- Everyone has valued and valuable work to do.
- Student voice matters.
- Kindness, inclusion, and collaboration are rewarded.
- Safety is a shared responsibility.
- All latches and doors work correctly.



POSITIVE SCHOOL CLIMATE

School culture is based on trust, respect, and belonging. • **Flexibility and personalization** frame practice. • Discipline promotes good behavior and personal responsibility. • Restitution, not punishment, is fostered.

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