



Understanding School Climate

A positive school climate is a necessary condition for students to learn, grow, and be prepared for their next step. Georgia's School Climate Star Rating is a diagnostic tool to determine if a school is on the right path to school improvement. This star rating will continue to be reported as part of CCRPI, highlighting the importance of school climate and its relationship to improved student outcomes. Schools receive a 1-5-star rating, with five stars representing an excellent school climate and one star representing a school climate most in need of improvement. The rating is based on four components: 1) student, teacher, and parent perceptions of a school's climate; 2) student discipline; 3) a safe and substance-free learning environment; and 4) student attendance.

Key Terms for School Climate

Additional CCRPI terms can be found in the [Glossary of CCRPI Terms](#).

FAQs about School Climate

What does the rating mean?

Each school receives a 1-5 star rating, with five stars representing an excellent school climate, and one star representing a school climate most in need of improvement. Schools have access to a comprehensive report which allows them to identify areas in need of improvement and plan targeted student interventions to improve achievement for all students.

Does the School Climate Star Rating "count"?

School Climate Star Rating is for information purposes only. The rating carries no points towards the CCRPI score.

More information about School Climate can be found [here](#).