

Support authentic student decision making over matters that affect them

A suggestion for implementing the strategy 'Collaboratively develop a safe and caring culture and climate' from the Guide:

[Behaviour and learning](#)

Includes:

- Students on student voice
- Weekly democratic meetings
- Offer multiple ways to participate
- Consult with all, not just some students
- Reflective questions
- Useful resources

Inclusive Education

From

Guide: [Behaviour and learning](#)

Strategy: [Collaboratively develop a safe and caring culture and climate](#)

Suggestion: [Support authentic student decision making over matters that affect them](#)

Date

18 November 2019

Link

www.inclusive.tki.org.nz/guides/behaviour-and-learning/support-authentic-student-decision-making-over-matters-that-affect-them

Students on student voice

"... if I can't have a say
in how [school]
should be safe then I
wouldn't want to
come back here and I
wouldn't feel safe".

Source: [Ministry of Education | Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga \(NZ\)](#)

Closed Captions

Source:

[Ministry of Education | Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga \(NZ\)](#)

<https://vimeo.com/189234772>



Video hosted on Vimeo <http://vimeo.com/189234772>

Inclusive Education

From

Guide: [Behaviour and learning](#)

Strategy: [Collaboratively develop a safe and caring culture and climate](#)

Suggestion: [Support authentic student decision making over matters that affect them](#)

Date

18 November 2019

Link

www.inclusive.tki.org.nz/guides/behaviour-and-learning/support-authentic-student-decision-making-over-matters-that-affect-them

Weekly democratic meetings

Provide a structured time where students can learn and practice problem solving skills.

Source: [Edmonton Regional Learning Consortium \(Canada\)](#) No captions or transcript

Source:

[Edmonton Regional Learning Consortium \(Canada\)](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCC8IqajJx060K1-MRkw1ezg>



[Play video](#)

Video hosted on Youtube <http://youtu.be/21w4teoK-og>

Inclusive Education

From

Guide: [Behaviour and learning](#)

Strategy: [Collaboratively develop a safe and caring culture and climate](#)

Suggestion: [Support authentic student decision making over matters that affect them](#)

Date

18 November 2019

Link

www.inclusive.tki.org.nz/guides/behaviour-and-learning/support-authentic-student-decision-making-over-matters-that-affect-them

Offer multiple ways to participate

Support student decision making with more than just talking.

Source: [Edutopia \(US\)](#) No captions or transcript

Source:

[Edutopia \(US\)](#)

<http://www.edutopia.org/blog/8-tips-and-tricks-redesign-your-classroom>



Play video

Video hosted on Youtube <http://youtu.be/4y21aAC5vj4>

Inclusive Education

From

Guide: [Behaviour and learning](#)

Strategy: [Collaboratively develop a safe and caring culture and climate](#)

Suggestion: [Support authentic student decision making over matters that affect them](#)

Date

18 November 2019

Link

www.inclusive.tki.org.nz/guides/behaviour-and-learning/support-authentic-student-decision-making-over-matters-that-affect-them

Consult with all, not just some students

Consider how you will ensure that all students can share their perspectives.

Resist the urge to involve, consult, and listen to only the most motivated and able students.

Young people who are struggling, or at the margins, need to be involved and have their voices heard.

Source: [What works in promoting social and emotional well-being and responding to mental health problems in schools? \(p. 7\)](#)

Source:

[What works in promoting social and emotional well-being and responding to mental health problems in schools? \(p. 7\)](#)

<http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/eLibrary/Content/Internet/537/6381/42179102926.pdf>

Inclusive Education

From

Guide: [Behaviour and learning](#)

Strategy: [Collaboratively develop a safe and caring culture and climate](#)

Suggestion: [Support authentic student decision making over matters that affect them](#)

Date

18 November 2019

Link

www.inclusive.tki.org.nz/guides/behaviour-and-learning/support-authentic-student-decision-making-over-matters-that-affect-them

Reflective questions

Adapt for your own context.

What approaches do I use to support student decision making and problem solving?

How do I build the skills and competencies of students to participate in democratic decision making?

What tools and approaches do I offer to ensure every student can participate and share their views?

[Inclusive Education](#)

From

Guide: [Behaviour and learning](#)

Strategy: [Collaboratively develop a safe and caring culture and climate](#)

Suggestion: [Support authentic student decision making over matters that affect them](#)

Date

18 November 2019

Link

www.inclusive.tki.org.nz/guides/behaviour-and-learning/support-authentic-student-decision-making-over-matters-that-affect-them

Useful resources

Positive Behaviour for Learning Information sheet:
Injecting student voice into positive behaviour
approaches

Read time: 1 min

Publisher: Positive Behaviour for Learning

[Download](#) PDF

This information was downloaded/printed from the Ministry of Education's website "Inclusive Education". Except where otherwise noted it is Crown Copyright 2018.
Information on the Inclusive Education website is regularly updated so we recommend you check the website version of this information to ensure it remains current.