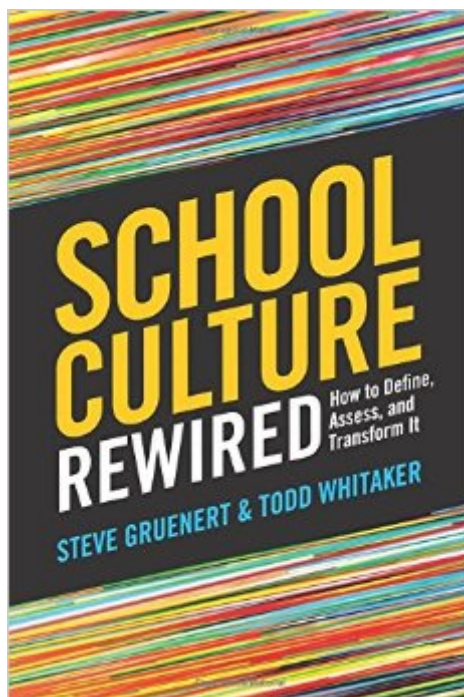


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School Culture Rewired: How To Define, Assess, And Transform It



Synopsis

Your school is a lot more than a center of student learning--it also represents a self-contained culture, with traditions and expectations that reflect its unique mission and demographics. In this groundbreaking book, education experts Steve Gruenert and Todd Whitaker offer tools, strategies, and advice for defining, assessing, and ultimately transforming your school's culture into one that is positive, forward-looking, and actively working to enrich students lives. Drawing from decades of research on organizational cultures and school leadership, the authors provide everything you need to optimize both the culture and climate of your school, including:- "Culture-busting" strategies to help teachers adopt positive attitudes, outlooks, and behaviors; - A framework for pinpointing the type of culture you have, the type that you want, and the actions you need to take to bridge the two;- Tips for hiring, training, and retaining teachers who will actively work to improve your school's culture; and- Instructions on how to create and implement a successful School Culture Rewiring Team. Though often invisible to the naked eye, a school's culture influences everything that takes place under its roof. Whether your school is urban or rural, prosperous or struggling, School Culture Rewired is the ultimate guide to making sure that the culture in your school is guided first and foremost by what's best for your students.

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Clear, concise writing about an important topic in education. The authors manage to appropriately and effectively link theory to practice. In my opinion, the real strength of the book is that it provides

practical, hands-on suggestions on how to truly transform school culture. School culture gets a lot of print, but seldom does anyone actually explain HOW to make real change happen and HOW to make it last.

Quick read, but lots of "meat". This book is so "where we live." It has great information about how to look at your school from a bird's eye view, analyzing your subgroups and how influence happens to see great change. Excellent review of the difference between climate and true culture. Very thought provoking and highly recommend it.

The ideas in School Culture Rewired are fresh and courageous. Leaders willing to implement them can rewire how all staff members think, act and treat one another, creating a work place that is sure to impact teaching and learning.

New Principals..... older principals alike will appreciate the realistic talks through each of the processes of changing and restoring positive school structure. Everyone says they want that great culture but the question is are you willing to put the time into the processes needed to reach those points.

This is an excellent discussion of the forces driving school culture. It includes specific guidance on how to facilitate the change of a school's culture to one that is more collaborative and student-centered. There are several surveys included that the change leader might use to get faculty thinking about the culture in their school and the roles they play in either perpetuating a toxic culture or helping the school move toward a more positive culture. Advice about how to use the surveys is provided.

This book will make you think a lot about your current situation at a school. A good and interesting read. Lots of gems for mulling over and affecting positive change at your school!

Great book. The book provides several tools that can be used in a school to determine its culture. Also, the authors do a great job of explaining every step in the process of rewiring a school's culture. I would recommend this book to other school administrators.

Inspirational, informative, transformative and amazing. An easy and quick read to a better future in

any school! Could not be happier I read it!

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