

Chapter Five Prioritizing the Student

A Healthy School Culture

A positive healthy culture focused on high levels of achievement for all students is critical when considering equity in schools.

Imagine a school in which the following is evident?

- 1) The student body truly represents the diversity of human experience and each member is being prepared to interact, survive, and thrive as a 21st century learner and world citizen.

Question: What does this really look like in a school?

- 2) The kind of opportunity roadblocks that cause the “haves” to receive more of what education has to offer and the “have-nots” to receive less have been identified and eliminated and all doors are open to opportunities to engage each student in challenging learning experiences.

Question: What does this really look like in a school?

- 3) Instructional excellence is the norm, and each member of the instructional team is not just committed to professional mastery but also supported in a way that allows for development and demonstration of such excellence.

Question: What does this really look like in a school?