

School Connectedness

Regardless of any one student's social position in school, she or he will be affected by the overall pattern of friendship groups in the school. School connectedness is higher for all students when:

- ◆ Social cliques in the school are overlapping and students have social ties to multiple cliques.**
- ◆ There are multiple reciprocated friendships (e.g., two students each identify the other as friend).**
- ◆ The most popular students in a school are academically motivated to get good grades.**
- ◆ Friendship groups are integrated by race and gender.**

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