**Research Findings on Sensory Culture in the Classroom:**

1. In a [study](https://www.salford.ac.uk/cleverclassrooms/1503-Salford-Uni-Report-DIGITAL.pdf) of 3,766 students and over 100 classrooms across the United Kingdom, researchers from the University of Salford found that lighting, paint colors, temperature, and fresh air had the ability to positively impact student learning. Furthermore, classrooms that were well organized, displayed student work, and featured flexible arrangements improved student outcomes. When students and staff arrive at school, they should feel a sense of pride, ownership, and community.
2. Surprisingly enough, the physical surroundings of students and teachers has a huge impact on the culture of your school.

The [HEAD Project](https://www.salford.ac.uk/cleverclassrooms/1503-Salford-Uni-Report-DIGITAL.pdf)(Holistic Evidence and Design) took evidence from over 3,700 students in 27 diverse schools. They found that the physical space where students are learning can account for a 16% variation in the learning process over a school year.

What aspects of a classroom have the most impact?

It was found that half of the learning impact came from light, temperature, and air quality. The other half of learning impact came from factors such as individualization of the environment and color of the room. For example, the ideal classroom was found to have light-colored walls with one accent wall of a brighter color.

Adopting a policy that allows for [flexible seating in classrooms](https://prodprodigy.wpengine.com/flexible-seating-classroom-ideas/) is one step school leaders are taking more frequently.

Adjusting these seemingly insignificant factors isn’t difficult, and can result in an increase in student engagement and improvement in learning.