## Implementation SCHOOL-WIDE PBIS Framework

School-Wide Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports

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## INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this document is to provide school climate teams in Portland Public Schools (PPS) with a practical resource framework for implementing School-Wide Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (School-wide PBIS) in their school. It is meant be a companion document to the PPS School-Wide PBIS Toolbox which contains a plethora of resources for schools implementing School-wide PBIS.

## SCHOOL-WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTIONS & SUPPORTS (PBIS)

Since its inception in the late 1990's at the University of Oregon, Positive **Behavioral Interventions & Supports** (PBIS) has developed into a framework that can be used by any school to help improve the social and learning behaviors of students and decrease disruptions that interfere with instruction. School-wide PBIS is now implemented in thousands of schools across the country and hundreds of schools in Oregon, including preschools, elementary, middle, and high schools. It is also being implemented in programs for students with severe emotional impairments and developmental disabilities, and juvenile facilities.

Schools are discovering that School-wide PBIS:

- Increases academic achievement
- Decreases major discipline referrals
- Addresses the behavioral needs of all students with proven, easy to implement strategies
- Allows the school to create the "right fit" for them, so that practices are appropriate to the context and sustainable over time
- Is doable and does not have to overwhelm staff given the limited time and resources that schools generally experience
- Is affordable
- Helps to create a positive school climate
- Results in increased time for instruction and fewer disciplinary incidents

"Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports implementation has positively impacted the culture of Robert Gray Middle School. Walking into our cafeteria during lunch feels dramatically different than it did just three years ago.

By collaboratively establishing common area expectations, explicitly teaching student expectations, and providing fun and meaningful intermittent reinforcement, we set our students and selves up for positive experiences."

Seth Jones Assistant Principal Robert Gray Middle School

#### PARENTS AND POSITIVE BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTIONS AND SUPPORTS

Parents/Guardians are essential partners in maximizing a child's success in school. Effective implementation of School-wide PBIS encourages parent/guardian involvement when implementing School-wide PBIS.



Parents/guardians are most knowledgeable about the social, emotional, and behavioral development of their children and are essential contributors in developing positive school climate. Parents/guardians spend time with their children at home and other community settings different from school and contribute relevant information about their child's behavior in those settings. Parents/guardians possess information about their child's preferences, history of

#### Parent Involvement in School-wide PBIS strategies for encouraging parent support of PBIS may include:

- Parent orientation on the school's behavior expectations and system of behavior support through open house, Parent Teacher Association, and other parent meetings in the community.
- Orient parent volunteers at the school in specific ways to address student behavior through the school-wide and classroom behavior expectations.
- Ongoing posting of the school behavior expectations in a school newsletter.
- PBIS strategies for families described in a school newsletter.
- PBIS strategies for families taught in a school-sponsored workshop.
- Daily or weekly communication between home and school for individual students.

intervention programs, strengths, communication skills, and medical concerns which may be critical for the functional assessment process. The combined information from school staff and parents can lead to a comprehensive understanding of any problem behavior, which in turn increases the likelihood of developing effective supports for students.



Introduction

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#### CORE PRINCIPLES OF SCHOOL-WIDE PBIS

We can effectively teach appropriate behavior to all children. All School-wide PBIS practices are founded on the assumption and belief that all children can exhibit appropriate behavior. As a result, it is our responsibility to identify the contextual settings events and environmental conditions that enable exhibition of appropriate behavior. We then must determine the means and systems to provide those resources which include the following **School-wide PBIS critical features**.

- Intervene early. It is best practices to intervene before targeted behaviors occur. If we intervene before problematic behaviors escalate, the interventions are much more manageable. Highly effective universal interventions enjoy strong empirical support for their effectiveness with at-risk students.
- Use of a multi-Tier model of service delivery. School-wide PBIS uses an efficient, needs-driven resource deployment system to match behavioral resources with student need. To achieve high rates of student success for all students, PBIS uses tiered models of service delivery to address student needs.
- Use research-based, scientifically validated interventions to the extent available. Federal law and district policy require the use of scientifically based curricula and interventions. The purpose of this requirement is to ensure that students are exposed to curriculum and teaching that has demonstrated effectiveness for the type of student and the setting. Research-based, scientifically validated interventions provide our best opportunity at implementing strategies that will be valuable for a large majority of students.

- Monitor student progress to inform interventions. The only method to determine if a student is improving is to monitor the student's progress. The use of assessments that can be collected frequently and that are sensitive to small changes in student behavior is recommended. Determining the effectiveness (or lack of) an intervention early is important to maximize the impact of that intervention for the student.
- Use data to make decisions. A data-based decision regarding student response to the interventions is central to School-wide PBIS practices. Decisions in School-wide PBIS practices are based on professional judgment informed directly by student office discipline referral data and performance data. This principle requires that ongoing data collection systems are in place and that resulting data are used to make informed behavioral intervention planning decisions.
- Use assessment for four different purposes. In School-wide PBIS, four types of assessments are used:
  - Universal student centered screening,
  - Evaluation of school-wide data including total office discipline referrals disaggregated by race, gender, poverty, etc;
  - Diagnostic determination of data by time of day, problem behavior, and location; and
  - Progress monitoring to determine if the behavioral interventions are producing the desired effects.

#### **KEY CONCEPTS**

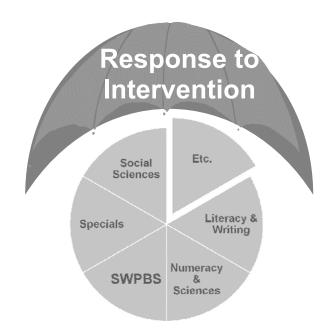
#### **Response to Intervention**

(RTI)...Essential Components of RTI – A Closer Look at Response to Intervention defines RTI in the following way: "Response to Intervention integrates assessment and intervention within a multi-level prevention system to maximize student achievement and to reduce behavioral problems. With RTI schools use data to identify students at risk for poor learning outcomes, monitor student progress, provide evidencebased interventions and adjust the intensity and nature of those interventions depending on a student's responsiveness, and identify students with learning disabilities and other disabilities."

#### **Behavioral Response to Intervention**

(bRTI) translates to School-Wide Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (School-wide PBIS) which is a proactive, team-based framework for creating and sustaining safe and effective schools. Emphasis is placed on prevention of problem behavior, development of pro-social skills, and the use of data-based problem solving for addressing existing behavior concerns. School-wide PBIS increases the capacity of schools to educate all students utilizing research-based school-wide, classroom, and individualized interventions. More simply stated...School-Wide Positive Behavior Intervention Support (School-wide PBIS) is the collective wisdom of a school staff directed toward pro actively managing the culture and behavior in a school to improve academic and behavior outcomes for all students. Key components of School-wide PBIS are well defined expectations paired with thoughtful reinforcement.

**PBIS Leadership...**the task of school leadership is to apply and integrate evidence-based practices with the local political culture of the building to create a positive learning climate which improves academic and behavior outcomes for all students.



## Did you know?

In June of 2009, Portland Public Schools Board of Education adopted established its policy on Student Conduct and Discipline (4.30.010-P) which calls for the use of positive behavior supports which are grounded in evidence-based practices that ensure equitable outcomes in discipline and maximize time students spend in school.

#### **Proposed PPS Core Curriculum Continuum for Behavioral Response to Intervention**

#### **INTENSIVE (Few 3-5%)**

Students with more than 5 behavioral referrals

- Behavior Support Plan (with FBA)
- Collaborative Problem solving
- Special education evaluation
- Mental health evaluation referral
- Alcohol/Drug evaluation referral
- Progress monitoring
- Wraparound services (i.e., Direction Services Community Resource Team)
- **Threat Assessment**
- DESCC (grades 6-12)
- Major Suspension Program (MSP)

#### TARGETED (Some 10-15%)

#### Students with 3-5 behavioral referrals

- Check-in/check-out
- Attendance phone calls/letters
- Parent/student/teacher/administrator conferences
- Individual student problem solving team
- Targeted social/emotional skills instruction groups (e.g. conflict management, anger management, organizational/skills, etc.)\*
- Targeted parent support groups and training (e.g. Insight, Guiding Good Choices, etc.)\*
- Simple behavior plan-considering the purpose of the behavior
- Meaningful work/job assignment\*
- Progress monitoring tools (on task monitoring form, replacement behavior worksheet, ratio or interactions)
- Mentoring\*
- Modify procedures/increase supervision in non-classroom settings (Structured recess and/or lunch)

#### UNIVERSAL (AII (80%)

#### Students with 0-3 behavioral referrals

- School-wide expectations defined and taught
- Effective instruction and effective classroom management with differentiated instruction
- Expectations reinforced (ratio 4:1)
- Effective supervision
- Fluent corrections for early-stage misbehavior (see CHAMPs and Teacher Encyclopedia)
- Social/emotional skills instruction (e.g. Second Step, bullying prevention, etc.)
- Parent engagement
- Grade level/peer teacher teams
- Progress monitoring tools (data collection tools)
- Attendance procedures
- Universal Assessment
- Before and after school programs/supports

## **BUILT ON A CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY RESPONSIVE FOUNDATION**

\*as building resources are available

## TIER 1 = Universal Interventions **All Students**

School-wide Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (PBIS) is a prevention model. It is based on the premise that **all students can benefit** from well implemented, evidencebased practices for improving student behavior. PBIS must be culturally and linguistically responsive to students and families in order to eliminate disparities in disciplinary outcomes. School-wide PBIS provides a comprehensive framework that can be used by any school to design their own system of behavioral **supports for all students**. It also provides informed decision-making, based upon data analysis that guides the process of assessing student needs and providing additional levels of behavioral support to students in need.



School-wide PBIS provides a positive focus to encouraging desirable student behaviors resulting in positive climate which maximizes learning. A set of universal expectations for behavior, positively stated, are established **for all students in all locations of the school**. These expectations generally promote core values such as respect, responsibility, and safety.

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Expectations and interventions should be culturally and linguistically responsive for all students. Interventions and strategies are implemented to teach and reinforce these expectations. These include:

- Periodic direct instruction in specific student behaviors that demonstrate a common set of guiding principles (e.g. respect, responsibility, and safety) in all locations in the school.
- Generous quantities of positive adult/teacher attention and other kinds of reinforcement to students for demonstrating positive behaviors, especially specific behavior expectations identified by the school.
- Predictable consequences for behavior infractions that are delivered consistently by all staff in a calm professional manner throughout the entire school. Consequences are not primarily punitive in nature; they are an opportunity for the student to learn from his or her mistakes and to accept responsibility for the choices that he or she made. The consequences are provided on a continuum matched to the intensity of the misbehavior.

A School-wide PBIS school incorporates a few simple systems practices that are crucial to sustaining the program over time. These include:



- The establishment of a representative, school-based School-wide PBIS team with a strong administrative presence and support. The School-wide PBIS team uses the "framework" of School-wide PBIS to design that school's unique set of practices.
- School-wide PBIS activities are embedded into existing school activities such as school improvement and student assistance teams.
- The school establishes a system for using behavioral data (e.g., office discipline referrals or some other method of incident reporting). These data are analyzed and used in a robust way to guide the design and implementation of additional behavior supports, especially at the targeted and intensive levels.
- The school uses designated School-wide PBIS assessment tools at prescribed intervals to assess fidelity of implementation of School-wide PBIS.

#### In the PBIS triangle, how do schools arrive at the percentage of students at each of the three Tiers?

There are direct and indirect measures for determining a student's need for intervention. By using office discipline referral (ODR) data, attendance data, universal student screening data and other student data students can be identified for the proper level of intervention and support.

Students in the first Tier have had 0-1 ODRs in a school year; students in the second Tier have had 2-5 referrals; students in the third Tier have had 6 or more referrals. ODRs represent major discipline problems that present harm to self or others, property damage, illegal behavior, or chronic behavior that significantly disrupts ongoing instruction.

The proportion of students at each of the three levels in any particular school can vary depending on the demographics of the school and grade levels.

#### Why implement behavioral strategies for all students if only a few seem to have problems?

- If students don't have major discipline problems, they can benefit from instruction in positive behavior expectations and positive acknowledgments. PBIS is a skillbuilding approach that will strengthen the repertoire of social skills for any student.
- Educators who work in schools that implement School-wide PBIS report a high level of satisfaction with it, citing the positive effects of getting on the "same page" with their colleagues, improved school climate, and increased time for instruction.
- Fewer students will rise to the second and third tiers when universal best practices are implemented, and the specialized strategies implemented for

those students will likely be more valuable when implemented within the context of School-wide PBIS.

• Students become effective models for each other; a culture of respect, order, and safety will become more pervasive.

# Why is it so important for the PBIS team to use behavior data at the universal level?

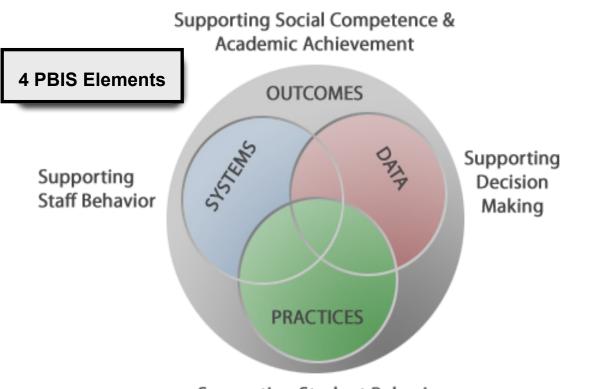
Analysis of office referral data globally has been shown to be an effective way of identifying "hot spots" within the school, small groups, or individual students for whom targeted interventions may be necessary.

For example, "location" data may show that certain areas of the school, such as hallways, are places where an inordinate amount of disruptive behavior occurs. Using the PBIS premise of "work smarter, not harder," some simple changes to hallway procedures (e.g., teach traffic flow patterns, increase active supervision of staff) can result in a significant reduction in problems from that area.

School-wide behavioral data systems can be used to identify students early on who may be just beginning to experience behavioral difficulty. This can allow for additional behavior supports to be provided for students in a timely manner, instead of doing nothing and waiting for problems to get worse.

This behavior data can also be used to evaluate School-wide PBIS efforts to improve the overall school climate.

These are just a few examples of how data can be used to guide the process of School-wide PBIS.



#### Supporting Student Behavior

#### Getting started with Schoolwide PBIS at the universal level

School-wide PBIS is a framework, not a



cookbook. Having originated from the model of public health and science of applied

behavior analysis, it incorporates the major elements of any good behavioral prevention and early intervention program, only they are applied at the macro level of the entire school. The framework consists of six critical features:

- Identification of three to five universal guiding principles expectations for the school that are positively stated.
- 2. Direct instruction in high priority positive behavior expectations.
- 3. High levels of positive reinforcement, including positive teacher attention to strengthen those behaviors.
- 4. Enforcement of predictable consequences consistently and fairly.
- 5. Prevention of problems by modifying situations that are known to produce high levels of problem behavior.
- 6. Use of discipline data to plan, evaluate, and improve the PBIS implementation process

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## How is Tier 1 implemented?

The fo	llowing steps illustrate	the general process of Tier 1 implementation: Strong and active administrative support is essential to
Step 1	Establish commitment and get started	successful implementation of School-wide PBIS. Analysis of current systems and initiatives will be helpful to determine how School-wide PBIS will be most helpful. PPS is committed to district-wide implementation to School-wide PBIS
Step 2	Form the school's PBIS team	Immediately after the initial staff training, the administrator forms the school's PBIS Team, as interest level is usually peaked at this time.
Step 3	Establish data collection system	Office discipline referrals (ODRs) are a primary source of data used to guide the process of implementing School-wide PBIS. Referral data are summarized, and key data reports are kept up to date and shared with staff on a regular basis.
Step 4	Establish and teach positive behavior expectations	The process for establishing a universal set of positive behavior expectations begins with identifying three to five core behavioral values for the school and classroom. Generally, schools identify concepts such as respect, responsibility, safety, productivity, and effort as their core values
Step 5	Design systems for positive acknowledgment and reinforcement	As a universal strategy, systems should be established within the school to ensure that all students receive positive acknowledgment for demonstrating the high priority behaviors established in the expectations matrix
Step 6	Design predictable consequence systems for behavior infractions	"Getting on the same page" with other adults when it comes to enforcing rules, addressing behavior infractions, and administering appropriate consequences begins by establishing categories of major and minor infractions.
Step 7	Implement data- based decision making	School-wide behavioral data should be readily available to the PBIS team. Using a cycle of improvement, the data should be updated and reviewed at least once per month by the team.
Step 8	Implement evidenced-based classroom management	School-wide PBIS would not be complete without well- established evidenced-based classroom management practices

Step 9	Social Emotional Learning	Build social and emotional learning competencies by building time in the instructional day to directly teach all students self-management, self-awareness, social awareness, relationship skills and responsible decision making.
Step 10	Universal Screening	Schools have a systematic process in place to help identify students whose school behaviors may create a barrier to learning. Teachers use an evidence based universal behavior screening tool to identify and refer students who are at risk for behavior disorders/problems of either an externalizing or internalizing nature

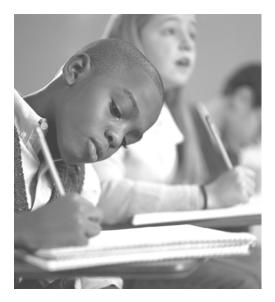


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## Step 1 Establish commitment and get started

Strong administrative support is essential to successful implementation of Schoolwide PBIS. Portland Public Schools has a district-level commitment to support to implementing PBIS. It is suggested that for a school implementing School-wide PBIS, that they look at the research, gather information, talk to other schools that have implemented the model, or consult with a district or national expert on School-wide PBIS. Schools that have implemented PBIS cite the following reasons for adopting the program:

- To decrease levels of disruptiveness, rates of office referrals, and suspensions.
- To improve school climate, safety, and order.
- To increase instructional time.
- To increase administrative time for purposes other than to manage discipline problems.
- To enhance the overall operation and performance of the school.
- To more effectively partner with parents and the community.
- To improve staff moral.



## What does a commitment to School-wide PBIS look like?

- Improvement of student behavior is one of the top three priorities.
- The school commits to two to three years of program development to fully implement systems and interventions at all three Tiers.
- Many schools begin the process with an introductory training for all school staff.
- In-service training is provided for school staff.
- Trainings for all staff should be broken down into manageable portions so as not to overwhelm or provide more information than is necessary at the time.
- Each school should have a behavior coach or PBIS consultant that can train and advise staff throughout the process. This person will be available to answer questions, direct staff to additional resources, and trouble shoot as necessary.
- Collaboration is essential to effective implementation of PBIS.
- Staff should have a clear understanding of the purposes of the program, what will be expected of them, and the steps involved in implementation. Some schools choose to conduct a staff vote on the adoption of PBIS. Typically, an 80 percent approval rating is obtained before proceeding with the program.

#### Self-assessment survey



At the outset of the planning process, a survey of school staff should be completed to perceived extent to which the

assess the perceived extent to which the basic elements of School-wide PBIS are currently in place in the school. The results are typically summarized and presented to staff. These initial data are analyzed and utilized for planning purposes. The data baseline is used to

## Step 2 Form the school's PBIS team

**PBIS Team Membership:** Building Leadership Teams include individuals who are representative of the whole school building. The members of this team should have leadership capacity to develop and act upon action plans. It is important that the Building Leadership Team is embedded within the school improvement process.

The building School-wide PBIS team works collaboratively to ensure, alignment, communication, and collaboration across the school improvement and building intervention team. Since the Building Leadership Team monitors and supports the system development of each level (Universal, Targeted/Strategic, Intensive), it is important that members of the leadership team include representatives who provide leadership for school-wide, grade level, and building intervention teams. The actual membership of the team varies from building to building and often includes grade-level general education teachers, special education representatives, school counselor and administrative representative and paraeducator representative.

evaluate the project's progress. The data also identifies areas of need when establishing commitment to implement School-wide PBIS.

Schools should conduct this survey annually to assess their implementation sustainability efforts. Your district Schoolwide PBIS coach will consult with you about which assessment tools are best for your school.

## Develop a plan of work and a meeting schedule

To implement PBIS at the universal level requires planning and time to make

decisions, develop materials, and train staff before "rolling out" the program with students. The PBIS team will need to identify the different components of the program (e.g., teaching expectations, reward systems, consequences, data analysis, etc.) and allow team members to work in smaller subgroups to develop materials.

The entire PBIS team should convene at least monthly to coordinate efforts. The team should also review data and update the entire school staff on progress and get feedback. It is crucial to take the time to develop the program in this way, as it greatly increases the likelihood of getting staff buy in to the program from the beginning of the process. Plan to hold monthly PBIS team meetings to sustain the program.

#### Products created by Schoolwide PBIS school climate team

- Staff notebook
  - Parent/student brochure
- Expectations posters
- Behavior expectation lesson plans
- Student recognition system
- Tokens or coupons for acknowledgment of student behavior
- Variety of acknowledgement and recognition reward items/activities
- Data collection system

## What an administrator can do to support School-wide PBIS

The primary role of the administrator is to support the PBIS team, not to do the work of the team. The administrator should:

- Ensure that the team is composed of a group representative of staff.
- Make sure that new members are added to the team over time so as to prevent burn out and keep ideas fresh.
- Ensure that PBIS remains a priority for the school and that sufficient time and resources are allotted to make it successful.



 Be a spokesperson for the program use the language of PBIS, be enthusiastic, give it time at staff meetings, talk it up, let it be known to others that your school is a PBIS school.

- Ensure new school climate team members receive PBIS orientation.
- Integrate School-wide PBIS into current building initiatives

## Plan an all-staff orientation and roll-out event with students

The school's PBIS team should provide a full explanation of the entire PBIS program at an all-staff orientation to ensure that everyone is clear on how the program should be implemented with students.

Ideally, it is best to kick-off

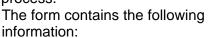
implementation of School-wide PBIS at the beginning of the school year, but many schools have done it successfully at later points in the year. For example, if the planning and program development take place between August and December, the kickoff with students could occur after a break or at the beginning of the second semester.

## **Step 3** Establish data collection system

Office discipline referrals (ODRs) are a primary source of data used to guide the process of implementing School-wide PBIS. See PPS School-wide PBIS toolbox for stages of misbehavior and referral process. Referral data are summarized and shared with staff on a regular basis. PPS Student Conduct and **Discipline Implementation Framework** (4.30.011) require schools to enter data on disciplinary referrals into the district Student Information System a timely manner, disaggregate data, and to review the data monthly. This system is used to evaluate the effectiveness of the PBIS program and to identify small groups, individual students, problem locations, or other situations that may need additional focus and intervention.

#### Each school is expected to have a student management plan/ discipline plan that addresses the following:

1. A district office referral form is designed to gather the essential information needed to guide the PBIS process.



- -Staff making referral
- -Type of problem behavior
- -Location of incident
- -Time of incident
- -Others involved in incident
- -Teacher actions
- -Administrative actions
- —Optional category: possible motivation for the behavior
- 2. All staff should receive training in the proper way to complete a

discipline referral form and the associated procedures for submitting the forms.

- The school should have a clear process for gathering the office referrals, entering the information into a database, summarizing and graphing the information, and periodically reporting on the data to the PBIS team and the entire school.
- When the data are shared with staff, the following points should be addressed:
  - Recognition of progress and accomplishments.
  - Interpretation of the data (make it meaningful for others).
  - Suggestions for next steps based on the data.

# Examples of data reports that could be tracked by the PBIS team

 Total ODRs and suspensions by month.



- Daily average ODRs by month.
- Problem behaviors year to date
- (YTD).
- Location of behavior incidents YTD.
- Time of day YTD.
- Number of referrals by student YTD.
- Referrals by grade YTD.
- Referrals by staff YTD.
- Compare data year to year.
- Positive behavior indicator (for example, number of students earning rewards by month).Tier 1

## Step 4 Establish and teach positive behavior expectations



The process for establishing a universal set of positive behavior expectations begins with identifying a few (three to five) core behavioral values for the school. Generally, schools identify concepts

such as respect, responsibility, safety, productivity, and effort as their core values.

An expectations matrix is then developed. This is done by identifying various school locations and then determining what each of the core values looks like in that setting. The specific expectations are then described in a concise and positive manner.

By developing a matrix of universal positive behavior expectations, the school is establishing a common language for staff and students. Everyone agrees to "get on the same page." How this is done can vary depending on the level and culture of the school. Certainly the expectations in an elementary school will differ from those in a

high school. But in any setting this is an excellent opportunity to affirmatively establish norms and expectations for the entire school community. The matrix is also used in the development of plans for teaching behavior expectations. The matrix provides clarification on the concepts of each behavior expectation.

#### **Develop visuals for classroom** and non-classroom Settings Expectations

Visuals are an important component of School-wide PBIS Visuals help answer the question. "What do expected behaviors

look like in different locations in the school?"

A school should be immediately identifiable as a PBIS school to a visitor. Posters and other visual displays that communicate the expectations and that acknowledge students positively should



be prominently displayed. Within the first few minutes of entering the school. an individual should know the behavior expectations of that school. This is accomplished through visual display of the expectations.

Typically, posters with the expectations described on the matrix (see page

19) are developed for all classroom and non-classroom settings. These posters serve as: Teaching tools.

- Reminders or pre-corrections for • everyone throughout the day.
- A communication to parents, visitors, and the community.

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#### Plan to teach the expectations



As a universal intervention, all students should receive direct instruction in the behavior expectations. General guidelines for teaching positive behaviors.

- Teach behaviors as you would teach • academics or any other skill.
- Provide frequent trials or lessons. • Refresh lessons throughout the school year.

- Keep lessons brief (5-15 minutes • typically).
- Take students to various locations in the • school for instruction. Plan for this to occur over the first week or so of implementation.
- All adults in the school should be aware • of the behavior expectations and take every opportunity to model those behaviors at all times.



#### MARKHAM ELEMENTRY SCHOOL

#### **Rules and Behavioral Expectations**

AREA	BE SAFE	BE RESPONSIBILE	BE RESPECTFUL
Cafeteria	Handle and eat your own food     Stay seated until asked to recycle     or line up     Keep your hands and feet to self     Move carefully     Always walk	<ul> <li>Raise your hand for help</li> <li>Clean up your area</li> <li>Take only what you can eat</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Use inside voice</li> <li>Follow adult directions</li> <li>Use kind words and actions</li> </ul>
Assemblies	<ul> <li>Keep hands and feet to self</li> <li>Stay with your group</li> <li>Enter and exit quietly with teacher</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Sit on your bottom</li> <li>Follow directions</li> <li>Keep quiet</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Listen quietly</li> <li>Show appreciation appropriately</li> <li>Keep eyes on performers</li> </ul>
Hallways (Includes ramps and breezeway)	<ul> <li>Walk in a straight line facing forward</li> <li>Keep your hands and feet to self</li> <li>Pay attention</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Always carry a hall pass</li> <li>Walk directly to where you are going</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Walk silently 8:45-3:00</li> <li>Honor hallway teaching</li> </ul>
Bathrooms	<ul> <li>Wash hands with soap and water before leaving</li> <li>Keep feet on floor</li> <li>Walk</li> <li>Flush</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Use toilets and sinks for intended purposes</li> <li>Report problems to adults</li> <li>Return to class quickly</li> </ul>	Give people privacy     Use quiet voices     Keep walls and doors     free of marks
Playground/ Recess	<ul> <li>Use equipment for intended purposes</li> <li>Stay in boundaries</li> <li>Keep hands and feet to self</li> <li>Run safely (chasing games are unsafe)</li> <li>Report any strangers, animals, or dangerous items immediately to an adult</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Line up quickly at first signal</li> <li>Return play equipment</li> <li>Listen to staff and follow directions</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Use kind words and actions</li> <li>Take turns and share equipment</li> </ul>
Classrooms	<ul> <li>Keep hands and feet to self</li> <li>Always walk</li> <li>Move carefully</li> <li>Use materials for intended purpose</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Work together to keep the room clean</li> <li>Stay on task</li> <li>Try to solve your own problems and ask for help if needed</li> <li>Clean up after yourself</li> <li>Use inside voice</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Listen</li> <li>Follow directions</li> <li>Use kind words and actions</li> <li>Leave toys at home</li> </ul>
Buses	<ul> <li>Hands &amp; feet to self (no fighting, wrestling, play fighting)</li> <li>No weapons (including toys) or hazardous materials</li> <li>Stay seated</li> <li>Keep hands, head inside bus at all times</li> <li>Cross in front of bus or as driver directs you</li> <li>No eating, drinking</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Use emergency door only in emergency</li> <li>Be at your bus stop at least 5 minutes before bus arrives</li> <li>Bus rules apply to bus stops</li> <li>Students need written permission for an alternate stop</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Listen to driver and follow directions</li> <li>Use quiet voices (no loud, vulgar language)</li> <li>Ask permission to open and close windows</li> <li>Keep bus clean &amp; undamaged</li> <li>Be courteous to driver, peers and passersby</li> </ul>

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a se		CLASSROOMS		ASSEMBLIES / THEATRE	ö	COMMON WORK AREAS		SHARED PUBLIC AREAS
Perseverance	• •	Keep trying even when it's difficult Mistakes are an opportunity for	• •	Remain focused regardless of distractions Model and encourage	• •	Ask for help to get the information needed Maintain patience and	• •	Be patient in crowded areas Alert staff if something or someone needs attention
	•	learning Focus on vour strengths	•	participation Commit to the opportunity to	•	wait your turn Plan ahead and make	•	Plan use ahead of time
	٠	Establish long and short-term goals		learn something new		an appointment		
	•	Reduce your stress by meeting your timelines						
	•	Advocate your needs						
Responsibility	•	Arrive to class on time with	•	Move patiently when	•	Remember your	•	Flush, wash, and dry every time
		supplies out and ready		entering and exiting		computer ID and	•	I urn off faucets/ showers
	•	Organize binder and use both vour planner and student ID	•	Leave tood, beverage, and gum outside		password and keep it confidential	•	Walk to the right, step aside for conversation
	٠	Raise your hand and wait for	•	Electronic devices off and	•	Use a quiet voice		
		acknowledgement to participate		away	•	Bring academic work		
	•	Keep your space clean	•	Sit in your designated area		with you		
Integrity	•	Value your work and assimments	•	Stand quietly during the National Anthem	•	Exhibit academic	•	Strive to pick up two pieces of trash
	•	Report threats or concerns	•	Demonstrate courtesv and	•	leave the area cleaner	•	Use appropriate containers for all
	•	Practice academic honesty		kindness for others		than you found it		waste
			٠	Report misuse of property	•	Seek permission to use	•	Save public displays of affection for outside school
Diversity	•	Choose your words thoughtfully	•	Be aware of the effect of	•	Assure everyone has a	•	Respect others' privacy
6	•	Value everyone's perspectives		non-verbal cues		place here	•	Honor differences
	•	Welcome our similarities and	٠	Approach new ideas openly	•	Demonstrate quality	•	Demonstrate kindness at all times
		differences	•	Look beyond stereotypes		listening		
			_		•	Contribute to a quiet, focused, work area		
Excellence	•	Listen to others silently	•	Demonstrate quality	•	Maintain a positive	•	Leave the area cleaner than you
	•	Seek opportunities for leadership		listening		demeanor		found it
	•	Work together to build a shared	•	Show appreciation and	•	Refrain from	•	Use the facility during appropriate
		community in your classroom		ackriowredge ouriers Provide positive feedback		student or staff member		urries Lise annronriate langi iage and
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# Step 5

#### Design systems for positive acknowledgment and encouragement



As a universal strategy, systems should be established within the school to ensure that all students receive positive acknowledgment for demonstrating the high priority behaviors established in the expectations matrix.

Think of acknowledgement systems on a continuum, beginning with positive teacher attention, moving to visual or written acknowledgments, then to more concrete systems such as activity rewards, and lottery or token systems.

#### Positive teacher attention

Perhaps the most powerful and simplest system of positive reinforcement involves getting all staff, including teachers, office, lunchroom, custodial, and transportation to agree to implement a simple ratio of giving students positive attention at least 4 times for every 1 correction for problem behavior. Use of the 4 to 1 positive ratio of interactions has been demonstrated in research to change children's behavior. Moreover, it sets a positive tone for the classroom and the school at large, creating an improved climate. Positive language and actions are contagious.

## Positive acknowledgment visuals

Another way of recognizing students is to provide positive acknowledgment cards or certificates for students who are caught doing the right thing or who have met some predetermined criteria for positive behavior.

## Lottery drawings and redeemable coupons



There are many ways of designing school-wide lottery or redeemable systems.

Simplicity and ease of implementation are often the keys to sustaining these systems.

See www.pbis.org for additional examples of school-wide acknowledgement/ recognition systems.

## Positive acknowledgement & encouragement activities



Another simple system for ensuring that all students have access to positive

reinforcement involves scheduling monthly to bi-monthly PBIS encouragement parties or events for students who have met behavioral criteria for the month. This typically involves not receiving a referral or some other consequence for the previous month. It is best to schedule these events in advance (create a calendar for the year), vary the activities, and let staff and students know when and what will occur.

The keys to effectiveness and sustainability are keeping it simple and working out the details in advance.

## **Step 6** Designing predictable consequence systems for behavior infractions

A teacher in a middle school spoke at a staff meeting during a presentation on PBIS. He said that he consistently told young men to take off their hats in his classroom and anywhere else in the school. After a while, though, he said that he realized other teachers allowed students to wear hats in their classrooms. He had just assumed that his colleagues shared the same expectation as his, but he came to realize that they did not. The teacher reflected on what message this sent to the students that the teachers in the school differed so much in their standards for behavior.

"Getting on the same page" with other adults when it comes to enforcing rules, addressing behavior infractions, and administering appropriate consequences begins by establishing categories of major and minor infractions. Major infractions are usually



code of conduct violations and

immediate office discipline referrals. These infractions should be clearly identified and written down.

Many school administrators complain that



students are sent to the office for minor offenses that should be dealt with by the teacher in

the classroom. If a student is not prepared for class, should they be sent to the office? Should they be sent to the office for refusal to work, for using profanity not directed at a person, for being tardy, for being out of uniform? How many times should a student be able to commit the same "minor" infraction before being sent to the office? Should the office reasonably expect that the teacher making the referral for a minor behavior has implemented a succession of interventions prior to the referral, in an attempt to help the student correct the behavior? How will the administrator actually know if this has occurred?

#### Big ideas for creating a schoolwide consequence continuum

These are some of the issues schools may face when they attempt to create an effective, universal approach to implementing consequences for behavior infractions for all students.

- The goal is to create a consistent approach to "get on the same page" with colleagues.
- Create predictability for students, staff, and parents.
- Directly instruct students in consequence systems.
- Be neutral, firm, and consistent— reduce attention (and drama) for negative behavior.
- Teach students what to do, and illustrate what not to do.

## Sample school-wide consequence sequences

Many PBIS schools choose to implement a uniform consequence sequence in all classes (perhaps varying somewhat by grade level)I This has the advantage of creating consistency for students from teacher to teacher and year to year. The important thing is that students learn to expect a consistent and predictable response from all teachers for behavior infractions.

The following is a typical consequence sequence:

- Warning
- Brief conference
- Time-out with think sheet
- Parent contact
- Office discipline referral

# Step 7

#### **Data-based decision making**



School-wide behavioral data should be readily available to

the PBIS team and shared in staff meetings monthly. Consider the following when reviewing the data:

- How are we doing overall? Compare averages to your school's own history, or other schools in your district.
- Identify most frequent problems, locations, times, students, grades, etc.
   What are the patterns? Develop a few summary statements leading to areas of

focus.

- Work smarter, not harder. If many problems are found in non-classroom settings, consider changes to school procedures and supervision practices. If a few classrooms have an especially high number of referrals, consider providing classroom management support to those teachers.
- Consideration of data for identifying Tier 2 interventions for small groups of students.
- Set goals for improvement and a date to review progress.



## Step 8

#### **Evidence-based Classroom Management**

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Each classroom in a school building replicates the school-wide behavior expectations and establishes rules and procedures specific to that setting (e.g., art class, band class, gym class, first grade). Classroom expectations are

quickly spotted on a poster or bulletin board by a student entering the room. Behavioral expectations and routine classroom procedures are directly taught to the student, positively reinforced, and always modeled by the teacher. Strategies for discipline in the classroom are consistent with the strategies used across all settings in the school. This degree of consistency of classroom PBIS extends the benefits of School-wide PBIS to instructional time even though there are many variations of instructional style, curriculum, and teaching materials. Using classroom PBIS will increase time available for teaching.

## Evidence-based best practices in classroom management

Effective teachers:

- Establish smooth, efficient classroom routines
- Directly teach students how to be successful
- Interact with students in positive, caring ways
- Provide incentives, recognition, and rewards to promote excellence
- Set clear standards for classroom behavior and apply them fairly and consistently
- Create many opportunities for student response
- Maximize student engagement

## Establish efficient classroom routines

A classroom that implements positive behavior support has well-organized routines and procedures including the following:

- An efficient daily schedule
- Effective beginning and ending routines
- Management of student assignments
- Guidelines for students returning from absences
- Clear expectations for classroom activities/transitional periods

## Teach students how to be successful

Effective teachers overtly teach students how to behave responsibly in every classroom situation. This requires well designed lessons that may include:

- Visual displays
- Teacher and/or student modeling
- Role plays
- Opportunities for practice

## Have positive interactions with students

Positive interactions help motivate students to demonstrate their best behavior. This can be done by:

- Building positive relationships with students by giving non-contingent attention
- Providing accurate and specific positive feedback
- Providing individual and whole class intermittent celebrations
- Striving to provide three or more positive interactions for each negative or corrective interaction

## Provide incentives, recognition and rewards

Individual and whole class incentives can increase students' motivation to behave responsibly and strive toward goals. Positive reinforcers can be nonrewards systems designed to enhance intrinsic motivation, or reward-based systems that use extrinsic motivators. Examples include:

- Goal setting
- Whole class or individual points
- Economic simulation
- Lottery tickets
- Reward certificates

#### Set clear behavioral standards

Setting clear standards for behavior allows teachers to treat student misbehavior as an instructional opportunity that enables students to learn from their mistakes. Having a proactive approach requires a Classroom Management and Discipline Plan that includes:

- Clear expectations for all classroom activities and transitional periods
- Preplanned correction procedures and consequences

Intervention procedures for students with chronic misbehaviors

# Social Emotional Curriculum

Oregon Health Education Standards require that students are taught skills to promote mental, social, and emotional health. Specific Social Emotional Learning (SEL) health content standards can be viewed on the ODE website, http://www.ode.state.or.us/search/page/? id=1745.

# Why is SEL essential to the school and life success of <u>all</u> children and youth?

The ability to recognize and manage emotions and establish and maintain

positive relationships impact a child's ability to benefit from academic learning opportunities. Several hundred studies conducted using experimental designs with control groups have documented the positive effects of SEL programming on

children of diverse backgrounds from pre-school through high school in urban, suburban, and rural settings. The research clearly demonstrates that SEL programming significantly improves children's academic performance on standardized tests, improves school attendance records, and results in less disruptive classroom behavior. Children who participate in ongoing SEL instruction report liking school more and are less likely than children in control groups to be suspended or otherwise disciplined. These outcomes have been achieved through SEL's impact on important mental health variables that improve children's social relationships. increase their attachment to school and motivation to learn, and reduce antisocial, violent, and drug-using behaviors.

## What instructional methods are commonly used in SEL?

Teachers typically provide SEL instruction using an evidence-based curriculum, following the complete scope and sequence of skill development presented in the lessons.

Effective instructional methods for teaching SEL skills are active, participatory and engaging. Teachers promote SEL by:

- Communicating regularly with students' families about SEL classroom activities to encourage reinforcement of SEL lessons at home.
- Modeling and providing opportunities for students to practice and apply SEL skills in and outside of the classroom
- Using participatory instructional methods that draw on students' experience and engage them in learning.
- Using ŠEL skills in teaching academic subjects to enhance students' understanding. For example, in language arts or social studies lessons, students can be

encouraged to discuss how characters or historical figures did or did not express understanding of others' feelings or use effective problem-solving skills.

## What are the key steps in implementing School-wide SEL?

Implementing School-wide SEL involves 10 key steps that take school teams from planning to implementation. The 10 implementation steps are:

- 1. Principal commits to School-wide SEL
- 2. Form grade level or school planning team(s)
- 3. Develop and articulate shared vision
- 4. Conduct needs and resources assessment
- 5. Develop action plan
- 6. Select evidence-based program \*
- 7. Conduct initial staff development
- 8. Launch SEL instruction in classrooms
- 9. Expand instruction to include family and parent information sharing opportunities
- 10. Continue cycle of implementing and improving

## Step 10 Universal Behavioral Screener



Many teachers are familiar with the RTI process used to improve achievement in

reading and math. An important component of providing effective and appropriate reading and math instruction involves the use of a universal screener (assessment of all students) to identify skill strengths and deficits through the use of researchvalidated criteria or norms. Students who are not on track to meet identified academic goals receive intensive instruction to improve their rate and level of learning. Similarly, in behavioral RTI, universal screeners are used to help identify students at risk of demonstrating behavioral difficulties that create a barrier to learning. A proactive universal screening involves a multiple-gating process that includes teacher nomination, ratings and checklists, direct observations, review of archival school records and normative comparisons of the school population.

#### **Important Consideration**

School staff should think about School-wide PBIS as the school's core curriculum for behavior. Before a school implements a universal behavior screener, *it is important that the critical features of School-wide PBIS universal level of support are in place*. Using a research validated tool, the School-wide PBIS Team must evaluate the extent to which the following critical features of School-wide PBIS exist:

- Statement of purpose (mission).
- List of positively stated behavioral expectations.
- Procedures for directly teaching these expectations to all students.
- Continuum of strategies for encouraging these expectations.
- Continuum of strategies for discouraging rule violations.
- Procedures for monitoring and record keeping for data-based decision -making.
- Degree to which students report feeling safe and respected at school.

Once the school has committed to and is implementing School-wide PBIS, identification of students who do not respond to the core behavior curriculum can be determined using a universal screener.



## TIER 2 = Targeted Interventions-**Some Students**

When the universal support of Tier 1 is fundamentally in place for **all** students, it forms the base for implementing Tier 2 strategies. Tier 2 of the PBIS triangle model provides additional interventions to support that smaller percentage of students who do not sufficiently respond to Tier 1 strategies.

Having an Individual student problem solving team (e.g. SST, BSC, CARE team, etc.) which reviews student data to identify and monitor individual interventions and supports is necessary to successfully implement tier two.

Tier 2 practices involve analyzing office referral data to identify:

- Locations in the school or times of the day that are especially problematic, and then
  problem-solve simple solutions for those situations.
- Teachers or classrooms that may be in need of additional classroom management support.
- Small groups of students who are demonstrating similar behavior problems and provide them with more intensive instruction in social skills or replacement behaviors.
- Students who could benefit from daily monitoring, increased feedback, an adult mentor, a simple behavior plan in school, or a behavior plan coordinated between home and school.
- Students who need more academic or organizational support.
- Students who could benefit from alternatives to suspension for major violations.

## Examples of interventions and supports may include:

- Attendance outreach
- Parent/student/teacher/administrator conferences
- Social/emotional skills and replacement behavior instruction groups\*
- Parent support groups and training\*
- Intervention Plan
- Meaningful work/job assignment
- Mentoring\*
- Modify procedures/increase supervision in non-classroom settings (Structured recess and/or lunch)
- Check in–Check out
- Simple behavior plan—considering the purpose of the behavior
- Increased academic support paired with skills for school success

\*as building resources are available.

#### **Critical Features of Tier 2** Interventions

Students at Tier 2 may be at risk for developing chronic problem behavior but do not need the high intensity interventions typical of individualized behavior plans at Tier 3. A targeted group intervention with ten or more students participating is typical of Tier 2.

Tier 2 interventions are implemented through a flexible and systematic process.

The following are essential features of a Tier 2 system:

- 1. Individual Problem solving team for intervention planning.
- 2. Adequate resources through administrative support.
- 3. Continuous availability to the students.
- 4. Rapid access to the intervention (within 72 hours).
- 5. Low effort by teachers with maximum benefits to student.

- 6. Consistent with universal school-wide expectations.
- 7. Implemented uniformly by all staff/ faculty in a school.
- 8. Flexible intervention based on student need and assessment of behavior.
- 9. Functional assessment of student's behavior of concern.
- 10. Increases student connection to the school community
- 11. Function-based plan of student's behavior concern.
- 12. May be paired with community-based resources (e.g. mental health, alcohol and drug treatment, Major Suspension Program, etc.)
- 13. Continuous monitoring of student behavior for decision making.
- 14. Intervention packages based on student need that "fits" the culture of the school so that students can be connected to these packaged interventions.

#### Selecting Tier 2 interventions and supports for individual students

- Targeted interventions include increased structure, prompts, and feedback for students with instruction on skills needed to be successful.
- The selection of a specific Tier 2 intervention for an individual student should be based upon a team-based decision-making process that includes a function-based understanding of behavior.
- Some schools use a quick sort tool that matches a student's issue or need to a supportive intervention.
- See page XX for information on a functional behavior assessment.

## How is Tier 2 implemented?

The following steps illustrate the general process of Tier 2 implementation:

Step 1	Review and enhance Tier one supports based on data	School-wide behavioral data should be readily available to the Intensive PBIS team. The data should be reviewed to judge the effectiveness of Tier 1 supports.
Step 2	Create process, including an Intensive- Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports team, for identifying students in need of Tier 2 supports.	Intensive PBIS team to define and develop decision rules for identifying students in need of Tier 2 supports.
Step 3	Create several interventions that address various needs of students and determine what other resources might be needed	Examine the list of Tier 2 interventions and determine which interventions can be implemented with fidelity. Take into account staff and financial resources that will be needed to maintain the intervention for the year. Find and allocate the necessary resources.
Step 4	Match students to Tier 2 interventions and progress monitoring	Examine how each chosen intervention can support students, and match Tier 2 students to the best suited intervention. Measure student progress by collecting Tier 2 student data that is comparable to the data used in determining Tier 2 designations.
Step 5	Intervention evaluation	Examine data to determine the effectiveness of each tier 2 intervention. If necessary, revise implementation techniques, and/or determine better strategies for matching students to the appropriate intervention.



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# Step 1

#### Review and enhance Tier one supports based on data

The most crucial step in Tier 2 implementation includes a robust evaluation of Tier 1 supports. Data including direct observations of common areas, office daily referrals, attendance, special education referral rates, disciplinary referral patterns and PBIS survey assessments. Adjustments to the Tier I supports are made as necessary. Additionally, school wide processes are analyzed for implementation fidelity:

- 1. Are behavior expectations being taught/re-taught?
- 2. Is the social/emotional curriculum being delivered?
- Does the school-wide recognition system need enhancements Other Tier I components are evaluated as deemed necessary by the school PBIS team

# Step 2

## Create a process for identifying students in need of Tier 2 supports – The Intensive PBIS Team



The Intensive PBIS team is a carefully selected group of teachers, specialists and

administrators. The goal of this team is to support students with significant behavioral needs.

- Using existing systems
- Create function-based action plans
- Monitor performance and adjust interventions
- Modify and accommodate for challenges
- Document interventions tried and their efficacy
- Communicate success to the student, family, staff
- Determine when more intensive supports are necessary

PBIS Coaches provide technical assistance to school teams in forming PBIS team.

#### Identifying students who need Tier 2 interventions and supports

Office referrals may trigger a Tier 2
 intervention. Some schools trigger a

referral for a Tier 2 intervention when students have reached three to five office referrals.

- Additionally, students may be nominated by staff or family members for participation in Tier 2 supports.
- Office discipline referrals may not be helpful in identifying all students that need additional support. Therefore, universal screening could be useful in identifying students with internalizing behaviors. Additionally, teachers, support staff, and family may recommend a student for Tier 2 intervention based upon observation and knowledge of the student of concern.



## **Step 3** Create or modify interventions that address the various needs of the students and determine other resources that may be needed

Building based intervention teams systematically consider the current small-group interventions being applied in their school. Based on the current needs of the school (determined by data), the school team keep stuff the interventions that work and are needed and eliminate interventions no longer needed or that do not have efficacy. Sometimes, the best approach is to collapse similar or redundant interventions into a single intervention.

PBIS Coaches provide technical assistance to school teams in developing interventions.

#### **Examples of Tier 2 Interventions**

# Modify procedures/ increase supervision in non-classroom settings



Data analysis may show high rates of problem behaviors in certain non-classroom

settings, such as in the cafeteria, at recess, or in hallways. Using the PBIS dictate, "work smarter, not harder," the PBIS team may evaluate the current procedures for all students that are in place in those environments, and then identify some simple solutions to change the conditions in the environment that lead to frequent problems. Some examples of this include:

- Alter schedules.
- Rearrange traffic patterns.
- Provide active supervision.

#### Check in–Check out (CICO)



Check in–Check out is an individualized monitoring system that provides frequent

positive adult contacts, reminders to the student of the expectations, and feedback on performance. Some students benefit greatly from this type of support.

The basic daily cycle of CICO:

- Morning check in (get daily progress report).
- Give form to each teacher or supervisor prior to each period.
- End of day check out.
- Points tallied.
- Reward.
- Copy of daily progress form taken home and signed.
- Return signed copy next morning.

(See Tier 3 Step 4 for links to materials about reinforcement.)

# Targeted instruction in social skills and replacement behaviors



If the data indicates that certain types of behavior problems are especially argeted instruction with a sr

frequent, targeted instruction with a small group of students on specific replacement behaviors may be appropriate. The specific replacement behaviors identified are frequently from the behavior expectations matrix, such as hands to self, respect cultural differences, and use appropriate language. Targeted social skills instruction typically involves identifying a small group of students who need extra practice in the skill. It may involve providing the instruction in the particular location where it is usually a problem. School support staff (counselors, school psychologists, staff responsible for office discipline, etc.) may work with classroom teachers to provide this additional level of instruction.

#### **School-based Mentors**

Mentoring is a structured and trusting relationship that brings a student together with a caring adult who offers guidance, support, and encouragement aimed at developing the competence and character of the student.

# ABC – BSP J f that's how easy it will be! (Tier 2 Behavior Support Plan)

A behavior support plan (BSP) may be developed for a student after conducting a simple function-based review of the student. Behavior support plans may involve a single intervention or change to a student's program. For example, if the review found a very specific trigger to a student's problem behavior, then the intervention may simply change that situation. This could involve giving the student more assistance with certain tasks, breaking tasks or assignments down into more manageable chunks, increasing the frequency of breaks or rewards, providing increased supervision in a specific setting, pairing the student with a buddy, allowing more time to complete certain activities, or providing a more immediate consequence for a problem behavior.

The development of a BSP usually involves some collaboration among team members but not intensive data collection and planning typical of a Tier 3 intervention. An essential component of simple behavior plans is consistent rewards and consequences. The team will need to carefully consider that all adults can consistently administer the plan. Behavior plans:

- Should be approached in a positive, proactive, and collaborative manner between school staff and parents. There should not be an attitude of blame or condescension from the school towards the parents. The attitude should be one of partnership and doing the best thing for the child by working cooperatively together as adults.
- Should focus on creating consistent positive expectations [e.g., what language is acceptable from the student and what is not (be specific)].
- Develop common adult language when praising or correcting the child and expect certain tasks to be competed on a scheduled basis such as homework at a set time.
- A simple behavior plan may include an agreement to do certain things in terms of providing assistance or supervision (e.g., extra tutoring at school, enforced bedtime at home).
- Should be presented to the student at a meeting with both school staff and parent(s) present so as to reinforce to the student the consistent expectations between home and school.
- Be written and reviewed in a meeting on a periodic basis.

#### Increased academic support

Most students with significant behavioral difficulties also have academic problems. Response to Intervention (RTI) and PBIS processes should work in concert for students. When developing a behavior plan it is essential to consider related academic factors and provide appropriate academic support as part of a Tier 2 intervention. Interventions could include modified instruction. increased practice on basic skills, and assistance with organization, peer support, tutoring, or homework assistance. This often involves grouping students with similar needs and addressing this need through intervention.

#### Sample Quick Sort Matrix

List the targeted interventions that are available in your school. Identify the possible functions that each intervention delivers by putting a check mark in the cell of the matrix.

	Tar	geted	Interv	rentio	าร		
		Check In/Check Out (CICO)	Social Emotional Skills Groups*	School-based Mentor*	Behavior Support Plan (considering purpose of behavior)	Meaningful Work Assignment	Structured Recess/Lunch
	Increases opportunities for positive adult attention	~	~	~	~	~	~
n	Increases opportunities for positive peer attention		✓			~	
unctic	Provides access to choice of alternatives/ Activities				~	~	
Intervention Function	Addresses specific social skills instruction on how to relate with others in the school setting	~	~		~	~	~
nterve	Promotes a positive and encouraging relationship with an adult	~		~		~	~
-	Increases number of pre- correction prompts and structure for "what to do" throughout the day	~		~	~		~
	Increases opportunities for stronger incentives/ positive reinforcement	~			~	~	~
	Creates a home and school communication system	~			✓		
	Increases consistency in behavior expectations between home and school				✓		✓

TIER 2

## Step 4 Matching Students to Tier 2 Interventions and progress monitoring

Once the interventions are identified, the team focuses on applying the decision rules and matching students to small group interventions. A crucial feature of this step involves the creation and maintenance of individual student data to enhance implementation fidelity, monitor progress, and to determine when more or less intensive interventions are warranted. (See Tier 3 Step 4 for data tools and a discussion of function.)

### **Step 5** Evaluate success and modify Tier 2 interventions

At several points during the year, the Tier 2 Intensive PBIS team examines data during the year to determine the effectiveness of each intervention. When necessary, interventions are modified, re-created, revised, or abandoned. Student needs vary from year to year and month to month.

#### Monitoring Effectiveness of Interventions and Supports

Effective interventions produce measurable changes in behavior plus improvements in a student's quality of life (e.g., more time spent in the classroom, participation in school activities, and improved social relationships).

Tier 2 interventions should be continuously monitored using data. Data sources may include office discipline referrals, frequency of behavior incidents, or data specific to a certain



intervention (e.g., points earned on Check in–Check out). Student attendance and teacher/staff reports provide additional data on Tier 2 successes. Periodic reviews (monthly to bi-monthly) should be conducted to evaluate progress and make necessary adjustments to the student's program. A student who meets his or her goals will transition back to the universal interventions of Tier 1. If a student does not meet his or her goals for increasing social skill competence with Tier 2 interventions, the student is referred for Tier 3 interventions.

## TIER 3 = Intensive Individualized Interventions **Few Students**

When Tier 1 and Tier 2 of School-wide PBIS are fundamentally in place, the foundation for implementing Tier 3 supports is established. Tier 3 of the triangle model focuses on the individual needs of students who exhibit ongoing patterns of problem behavior which are unresponsive to Tier 1 and 2 strategies and typically require intensive intervention. Tier 3 supports are layered on top of Tier 1 and Tier 2 supports. Students receiving Tier 3 supports also need the continuing foundation and structure provided by Tier 1 and Tier 2 supports. The school's Individual student problem solving team Intensive PBIS reviews student data and identifies students needing Tier 3 interventions and supports student. Sometimes creating a plan to wrap supports around a special education referral is necessary.

Tier 3 interventions are developed following a comprehensive and collaborative assessment of the problem behavior interventions and supports are then developed based on this information and are tailored to the student's specific needs and circumstances. The goal of Tier 3 interventions is not only to diminish the problem behavior but to also increase the student's adaptive skills and opportunities for an enhanced quality of life.



## Students selected for a Tier 3 intervention

Tier 3 intervention should be considered when problem behavior is:

- Unresponsive to Tier 1 and 2 interventions and supports
- Chronic/frequent
- Dangerous
- Highly disruptive
- Impeding learning
- Resulting in social or educational exclusion

Examples of strategies include:

- Functional behavior assessment and individual behavior support plans.
- Parent collaboration and education.
- Intensive social skills and replacement behavior instruction.
- Collaboration with student's physician or mental health therapist

TIER

### How is Tier 3 implemented?

The following steps illustrate the general process of Tier 3 implementation:

Tier 3 Step 1	Review and enhance Tier 1 and Tier 2 supports based on data	School-wide behavioral data should be readily available to the School-wide PBIS climate team. The data should be reviewed to judge the effectiveness of Tier 1 and Tier 2 supports.
Tier 3 Step 2	Create process for identifying students in need of Tier 3 supports	Define and develop decision rules for identifying students in need of Tier 3 supports using Intensive- Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (Intensive PBIS) team.
Tier 3 Step 3	Identify team roles responsible for developing and monitoring an individualized behavior support plan	Determine clear roles and responsibilities for staff involved in all stages of implementing individualized behavior support plans.
Tier 3 Step 4	Implement Functional Behavior Assessment and Behavior Support Plan protocol	Assess school staff's ability to complete function- based process. See PPS School-wide PBIS Toolbox for assessment tool. Identify and acquire the resources needed to effectively implement each intervention for the anticipated duration of the student's need
Tier 3 Step 5	Create or modify interventions that address the various needs of students and determine other resources that may be needed	Building based intervention teams systematically consider the current small-group interventions being applied in their school. Based on the current needs of the school (determined by data), the school team keep the interventions that work and are needed and eliminate interventions no longer needed or that do not have efficacy. Sometimes, the best approach is to collapse similar or redundant interventions into a single intervention.
Tier 3 Step 6	Progress monitoring	Measure student progress by collecting student data and implementation data. Monitor and adjust as indicated

TIER 3

# Step 1

#### Review and enhance Tier 1 and Tier 2 supports based on data

A critical step in Tier 3 Intervention includes a robust evaluation of Tiers 1 and 2 supports. This should include an assessment of universal Tier 1 supports that includes the evaluation of multiple sources of data and observations of common areas.

Similarly, the PBIS Team should review Tier 2 supports. Data should be already available on students that have been matched with targeted interventions as part of Tier 2 procedures. The Team should be able to determine the fidelity of those interventions from artifacts, self-reports from implementers, and observation. Interventions that are implemented but ineffective may need to be adjusted. Interventions that are not implemented will need to be adjusted or monitored more closely. Ineffective interventions may have been poorly matched to student needs. A student may not need Tier 3 support if Tier 2 support was effectively matched and implemented.

# Step 2

#### Create process for identifying students in need of Tier 3 supports

The Intensive PBIS Team has already established its membership from across the school, and established its process for:

- identifying students in need of additional support by using school data
- selecting and implementing Tier 2 interventions
- collecting data to monitor student progress and implementation fidelity

Having seen that one or more Tier 2 interventions have been implemented with a student, and that there is not a significant change in that student's behavior, the Team can decide to provide more intensive support. The Team will use progress data from interventions as well as data from other school-wide sources such as ODR's, attendance, academic progress, etc.

## Step 3

## Identify team roles responsible for developing and monitoring an individualized Behavior Support Plan (BSP)



The Intensive PBIS Team is first responsible for identifying students in need of Tier 3

supports, and does this as a group or as designed in their work for Tier 2. The one role that emerges is that of **Plan Manager** once a Behavior Support Plan is needed.

The Team that actually conducts the FBA and develops the BSP may be a Step 4

different group of people from the Intensive PBIS Team. Membership may vary depending on the behavior of concern, the needs of the student, and the people/agencies supporting the student. At least one person on the team should be an "expert" at completing an FBA and designing a function based BSP. The group may assign process roles while it conducts the BSP protocol.

## Step 4

#### Implement Functional Behavior Assessment and Behavior Support Plan protocol



Tier 3 interventions involve the

process of functional behavior assessment (FBA). FBA is a method for identifying the variables that reliably predict and maintain problem behavior. Variables that predict, or trigger, behavior are called antecedents. Variables that maintain behavior are considered reinforcers or functions; they keep it going or make the behavior useful.

FBA involves a team examination of how the student interacts with the environment and attempts to determine specifically where, when, and why problems arise. It includes an assessment of the student's strengths and interests, as well as relevant school, family, and health history. It also involves an assessment of how skill deficits may contribute to the problem behavior.

Information gathered through the FBA process is summarized and hypothesis statements are developed regarding the factors that might be influencing the behavior of concern – *"telling the story"* of this behavior.

A behavioral support plan (BSP) is then designed based upon the information gathered in the functional assessment. Interventions should directly match the results of the FBA.

A Tier 3 BSP plan typically has multiple components, incorporating individualized strategies in the areas of:



- Prevention of problem behaviors through changes in the environment and adult responses.
- Instruction in replacement behaviors.
- Systems of individualized positive reinforcement.
- Planned consequences designed to decrease reinforcement for problem behavior.
- Plans to respond constructively to the behavior of concern when it appears
- Home/school collaboration.

FBA is best considered an ongoing process of problem solving conducted by the intervention team. FBA information should be continually gathered, and data should be summarized and reviewed by the team. Data should be used to evaluate the fidelity of implementation of the plan and the effectiveness of interventions, and the intervention plan should be modified as necessary.



## Step 5

#### Implement interventions that address the various needs of students and determine other resources that may be needed



Different elements of the Behavior Support Plan will be enacted by different staff.

Changes to environments may mean changes to spaces, materials provided to the student, or adult behaviors. Teaching replacement behaviors or additional skills may be done by a variety of specialists:

- Counselor
- SLP
- SMS
- School Psych

Reinforcement systems Need to be applied in all settings. Everyone shares in making the plan work. Because of the scope of skills that may be necessary to address the needs of the student and the amount of time that may be required to support change, it is important that the planning process attempts to realistically predict what is needed. It is also important that the school's administration recognize and support the need to devote resources to this effort. Without the thoughtful application of resources, it is unrealistic to expect significant change in the most challenging students.

It may be necessary to seek some skills and resources outside the building, available as district support.



## Step 6 **Monitor progress**



The Behavior Support Plan must contain the specifications for what data will be collected, monitoring both the

extinction of the behavior of concern, increase of the replacement behaviors.

- Minimum 4-6 weeks of data on implementation (such as an implementer self-report checklist or the collection of artifacts).
- BSP's should include a process for • regularly scheduled review meetings. PBIS is a proactive approach. If a student has reached the level of requiring a Tier 3 intervention plan, then the team should assume that

ongoing planning meetings will be necessary until substantial and durable behavior change has been achieved by the student. The plan is a working document that undergoes regular updates and changes based on progress data.

- In addition to whole-team meetings, • the Plan Manager should be checking in with those who are implementing various phases of the plan, on a weekly or sometimes daily basis, if needed.
- The Plan Manager will oversee all • these processes.

(See Tier 3, Step 4)



## Sustainability Challenges



## The challenge of sustaining a School-wide PBIS program

The sustainability of any school program can be a challenge. Obstacles include declining budgets, reduction of available resources, and competing demands on available time. Effective implementation of School-wide PBIS requires an ongoing effort beyond putting in place Tiers 1, 2, and 3. It is important to plan for sustainability from the outset of the school-wide project as well as throughout implementation. It may be helpful to think of four phases of program implementation:

- Creating readiness.
- Initial implementation.
- Become embedded in the school's practices.
- Ongoing evolution.

A full implementation of the behavior support programs described in this guide would typically require a commitment of at least two to three years.

Below are actual data from two schools implementing Schoolwide PBIS for over six years. Notice that either school might have looked at the major discipline referrals for the 2002-2003 school year, become frustrated with the results, and discontinued implementation. Instead, the schools were

committed to implementation over time and their perseverance was rewarded.

## Keys to sustaining School-wide PBIS

Sustaining implementation of Schoolwide PBIS will be successful if it is noticeably easier to implement each successive year. If a great deal of new learning for staff occurs year after year, staff will become fatigued and frustrated. Sustainability also improves if Schoolwide PBIS activities are viewed as a part of the School-wide PBIS process which benefits all involved. This means that PBIS addresses the individual student who requires intensive individualized support as well as the majority of students who engage in little or no problem behavior who may benefit from a prevention focus. Positive behavior support is for ALL students in ALL educational settings.

To sustain a systemic approach like School-wide PBIS, it needs to become woven into the fabric of existing school systems.

The process for providing School-wide PBIS can be efficient and easy to implement. To ensure effective implementation, staff need to know not only what to do but also how to do it. Staff learn by seeing and doing through demonstrations and practice. Staff also need resources to provide positive behavior support, including the materials, tools, and time to accomplish this. One way to do this is by removing various demands that compete for staff attention that may not be directly related to the mission of the school.

Positive behavioral intervention and support should not be viewed as an "add on" activity. Behavior support is connected to the broader concern of improving academic success. There is more time to teach when the frequency and intensity of discipline problems are reduced.

Sharing PBIS data with staff on a regular basis, usually monthly, is a key to sustainability. During staff meetings it helps to acknowledge staff regarding what they are doing right and what is working well. Point out areas in need of improvement and generate possible suggestions for improvement. Make an action plan with staff. Many schools provide information in newsletters, weekly emails, Web sites, and blogs.

#### **Barriers to Sustainability**

Some reasons why PBIS implementation gets bogged down:

- Lack of continuous administrative support and involvement
- Lack of awareness and understanding that staff set and change culture in schools
- Lack of understanding commitment and 'buy-in' from staff
- Lack of understanding that academic success is driven by school culture
- Not working through PBIS processes as a team
- Taking on too much too fast (generally with positive intentions)
- Inconsistency of implementation by staff
- Looking for the negative vs. looking for positives in student behavior

- Focusing only on the high risk students
- Not tracking, reporting out, and responding to school behavior data

# How do we keep track of where we have been and where we are going?

One way to lose momentum in implementing PBIS is disorganization. Important documents and information can get lost over time. This is particularly problematic across school years. To address this issue, building leadership teams should keep a specific place for meeting agendas, meeting minutes and action plans. A three-ring binder containing this information works well as a central repository of documents. School teams also want to "manualize" the PBIS process and procedures so that this information becomes a record of institutionalized memory.

Manuals or handbooks contain such items as:

- Behavior expectations matrix.
- Behavior lesson plans.
- Reward procedures.
- Corrective consequence procedures.
- Technical assistance contact information.
- Process for data collection.

(See Tier 1, Step 2 for Staff Handbook example.)

#### The role of a PBIS coach

Coaches provide a valuable role in helping school teams to develop behavior support capacity. The coach facilitates the development of the PBIS process by working with the school team. The coach provides training and prompts staff to follow through on the development of PBIS systems and to sustain implementation plans. The coach also helps the school team to problem solve issues as needed. Increasingly, district support staff with skills in the area of behavior intervention (e.g., school social workers, psychologists, teacher consultants, behavior specialists) are acquiring the skills necessary to support schools and districts in the implementation of Schoolwide PBIS.

The Web site **www.pbis.org** is an excellent resource. Attending national or state conferences can offer many examples of emerging and sustained PBIS across a variety of settings and build your network of people working with PBIS. Joining the Association of Positive Behavior Support provides members with an easy to read journal, a Web site for technical assistance, and an annual conference. See the resources section of this guide for additional suggestions.

## Informing new students and staff

Over time, new students, families, and staff get involved with the School-wide PBIS program. Schools need a process to orient new staff into the language, expectations, and procedures involved in the PBIS program. New staff should receive an orientation to the school's PBIS systems. Refreshers for continuing staff should occur annually. School-wide PBIS should continue to be viewed as a priority for the school building as well as the school district. If this is the case, then professional learning activities can address increasing staff's capacity to sustain PBIS in collaboration with the district's professional development efforts.

An orientation process is important for new students and their families. Some schools do this through student handbooks, orientation videos, or picture "scrap books." When new students join the school, they are taught the behavior expectations. The staff create materials expressly to teach students and families the expectations and share the school's approach to acknowledging behavior and increasing social competence.

### Resources

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### Portland Public Schools Board of Education Student Conduct & Discipline Policy



#### ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE

#### Student Conduct and Discipline Implementation Framework

4.30.011-AD

#### I. Overview

A. This directive provides the general framework for implementing the Board's policy on Student Conduct and Discipline (4.30.010-P). This framework is consistent with District policy, applicable state and federal laws, and collective bargaining agreements. Other related policies and administrative directives provide guidance for specific student conduct and disciplinary practices.

#### II. School-Based Student Conduct and Discipline Plan

- A. All schools shall design, adopt, implement, and regularly review a school-based Student Conduct and Discipline Plan. The goal of these plans is to maximize consistency fairness and equity in school-site practice by aligning them with Board policies, district administrative directives, applicable state and federal laws and regulations, other District standards, and collective bargaining agreements, while allowing schools to be responsive to their school community.
- B. Student Conduct and Discipline Plans shall be developed and monitored by a site-based team that includes an administrator, general and special education teachers/staff, classified staff, and where appropriate, parents/guardians, students, and community members. This team will report to the school's site-council. To maximize consistency in student conduct and disciplinary practices, collaboration among school personnel and the community is essential.
- C. Student Conduct and Discipline Plans shall include:
  - 1. Alignment with District standards regarding appropriate interventions and actions related to student conduct and achievement.
  - 2. Teaching school rules and social-emotional skills.
  - 3. Reinforcing appropriate student behavior.

- 4. An expectation that each teacher will have a classroom management plan that aligns with the school-based Student Conduct and Discipline Plan.
- 5. Specific goals and strategies to:
  - a) Establish specific school-based goals and timelines to reduce overrepresentation of minority youth in disciplinary outcomes.
  - b) Increase the effectiveness of prevention and early intervention so that disproportionate suspension and expulsion rates across racial and ethnic groups, by gender, among those with disabilities, and other protected classes as defined in 1.80.020-P are eliminated.
  - c) Reduce the amount of learning time students lose due to suspension or expulsion.
  - d) Increase the equity and opportunity for learning available to suspended or expelled students, including but not limited to alternatives to suspension.
  - e) Provide consistency, fairness, and equitable interventions and consequences across all schools in the district.

#### III. Responsibilities

- A. Successful implementation of the school conduct and discipline policy is everyone's responsibility. When student behavior disrupts the learning or working environment, school staff, families, and students will share concerns and work collaboratively to develop and implement plans for more intensive instruction and support while also providing support for those impacted by the student's behavior.
- B. It is a top District priority that the student conduct and discipline system ensures equitable outcomes in applying discipline. To achieve this, central office staff shall:
  - 1. Model positive behavior and cultural responsiveness.
  - 2. Communicate and enforce consistent expectations for all schools.
  - 3. Implement district-wide alternatives to exclusionary practices.
  - 4. Ensure ongoing training, coaching, and professional development for all employees including age and developmentally and culturally appropriate approaches.
  - 5. Coordinate training for parents/guardians and students.
  - 6. Play an active role in assisting schools to develop Student Conduct and Discipline Plans, including providing adequate supporting resources for administrators and other staff.
  - 7. Distribute the *Guide to Policies, Rules, and Procedures on Student Responsibilities, Rights, and Discipline* and the

*Handbook on Student Responsibilities, Rights and Discipline* to all schools and make it available online at <u>www.pps.k12.or.us</u>.

- 8. Support and maintain a process for collecting and reporting timely data from all schools regarding disciplinary referrals.
- C. All PPS schools shall create an environment for student success and use effective discipline practices and cultural competency in managing student conduct. Schools shall continually teach, model, recognize and reward positive student behavior. They will reduce unnecessary discipline by applying a multi-tiered approach, using disciplinary data and principles of behavior analysis to develop school-wide, small group, and individualized interventions and supports to improve school climate. To achieve this, District school staff and others have the following responsibilities:
  - 1. School administrators shall:
    - a) Model positive behavior and cultural responsiveness.
    - b) Ensure the development and implementation of the Student Conduct and Discipline Plan, including forming the sitebased team.
    - c) Ensure that school and classroom rules and expectations, including classroom management plans, are taught, enforced, advocated, posted, and communicated to the entire school community and that school practices are consistent with Board policy and other District standards.
  - 2. Teachers shall:
    - a) Model positive behavior and cultural responsiveness.
    - b) Support a positive classroom and school.
    - c) Develop and implement a classroom management plan that utilizes effective classroom management strategies to create an environment conducive to learning and preventing misconduct.
    - d) Teach and review school and classroom rules and expectations.
    - e) Enforce the school's Student Conduct and Discipline Plan in all settings.
  - 3. School support personnel:
    - a) Model positive behavior and cultural responsiveness.
    - b) Enforce school and classroom rules and expectations.
    - c) Support the implementation of the Student Conduct and Discipline Plan.
    - d) Assist students in accessing appropriate resources.

- 4. Students shall:
  - a) Model positive behavior and cultural responsiveness.
  - b) Learn and follow all school and classroom rules and demonstrate appropriate social skills when interacting with both adults and peers.
  - c) Work to improve behavior when behavioral expectations are not met.
- 5. Parents/guardians shall:
  - a) Model positive behavior and cultural responsiveness.
  - b) Take an active role in supporting the school's efforts to maintain a welcoming school climate.
  - c) Be familiar with and support implementation of the Student Conduct and Discipline Plan.
  - d) Review school and classroom rules and expectations with their children, reinforce positive behavior, and acknowledge their children for demonstrating appropriate conduct.
  - e) If misconduct escalates, work with the school as a partner to address the students' needs.
- 6. Community members shall model positive behavior and cultural responsiveness and act in accordance with the Student Conduct and Discipline Plan while on District property and at District or school-sponsored activities or events. Community partnerships are encouraged and welcomed in the development of reinforcements for appropriate student behavior and recognition of safe school environments.

#### IV. Monitoring and Accountability

- A. The Superintendent shall ensure that effective data collection, monitoring, and evaluation systems are in place and supported by appropriate central office staff. These systems shall include using systematic data analysis to:
  - 1. Support data-based planning and decisions.
  - 2. Ensure that equitable school-based practices are implemented in a fair, non-discriminatory, and culturally responsive manner.
  - 3. Allocate professional development and support.
  - 4. Assess the effectiveness of policy implementation and communication mechanisms and strategies.
  - 5. Determine the need for any adjustments or changes in school practices to ensure that they are strengthened and aligned with Board policy.

- B. Each school is expected to enter data on disciplinary referrals in a timely manner.
- C. Discipline referral data shall be disaggregated by race and ethnicity, gender, those with disabilities, and other protected classes as defined in 1.80-020-P.
- D. Discipline referral data shall be reviewed at least monthly by schools and their site-based teams and reported twice a year to their site councils. Data shall also be reviewed at least quarterly by district staff responsible for supervising schools, and at least two times a year by the Superintendent.
- E. Discipline referral data will be analyzed to monitor and assess how well the equity goals of each Student Conduct and Discipline Plan are being met. Based on this analysis each school will make appropriate and timely changes in how student conduct and discipline are being addressed in each school.
- F. The Superintendent shall report at least annually to the Board regarding progress and ongoing efforts to reduce disparities and to improve equitable outcome goals in applying student discipline.
- G. Discipline referral data shall be presented in a manner that is transparent and accessible to administrators, teachers, and the general public.
- H. The District shall record and report any disciplinary data required by the Oregon Department of Education.

Policy Implemented: 4.30.010-P

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#### PPS General Disciplinary Options (excerpt from 4.30.020-AD)

District staff shall consider all available alternatives focusing first on family and schoolbased resources.

District staff is expected to use a continuum of positive behavioral interventions, strategies, and supports to encourage and reinforce appropriate behaviors conducive to a learning environment.

District staff is expected to intervene early and start the discipline process at the lowest possible level reasonably calculated to change the student's behavior and minimize loss of instructional time.

District staff is expected to involve parents/guardians early and throughout the office discipline process.

The firm, fair, and consistent application of discipline requires that district staff ensure that they are implementing disciplinary action in a calm, consistent, respectful, and objective manner. To achieve this, the following mitigating and aggravating factors shall be considered when determining disciplinary action:

1. The nature of the misconduct.

- 2. A student's age, health, and disability or special education status.
- 3. Cultural or linguistic factors that may have played a role in the misconduct.
- 4. Appropriateness of student's academic placement.
- 5. Student's prior conduct and record of behavior.
- 6. Support systems available to the student.
- 7. Student's willingness to repair the harm.
- 8. Impact of the incident on overall school community.
- 9. Availability of prevention and intervention programs that are designed to address student misconduct.
- 10. Whether the student voluntarily disclosed the misconduct.

To promote the consistent application of discipline, the District has developed a system of disciplinary action levels, ranging from least (e.g. conferences) to most serious (e.g. federally mandated expulsions). These actions are defined and specified for various kinds of misconduct. Within each level, options for disciplinary action are defined. These levels and disciplinary actions are outlined in the *Guide to Policies, Rules, and Procedures on Student Responsibilities, Rights, and Discipline.* A partial list of options along this continuum includes:

- 1. Conferences: Meetings between school administrators, teachers, and/or staff and students, their parent/guardian, and appropriate community service providers to discuss unacceptable student conduct and review ways of improving student behavior.
- 2. Restitution: Requiring students or their families to make reparations that meet financial (i.e. returning something to its owner, paying for damages), emotional (i.e. apology letter) and social (i.e. community service) needs of those impacted.
- 3. Community service: Assigning students a specified number of hours of volunteer work or service at school or in the community.
- 4. Intervention services: Requiring students to attend a targeted school and/or community programs with a specific focus (i.e. Insight, theft talk, firesetters).
- 5. Class exclusion: Denying students the right to attend particular classes for a period of up to two days.
- 6. Detention: Requiring students to remain in school for up to one-half hour after the dismissal of school in the afternoon or at another time (i.e. lunch, before school).
- 7. Saturday School: Assigning students as a part of, or in lieu of, detention or for such purposes as tutoring or additional assistance as deemed appropriate by the principal or designee.
- 8. Athletics restrictions: Suspending athletes temporarily or permanently from practices or contests due to special requirements of athletic practice and competition as determined by the coach or, upon referral, by the principal or designee.
- 9. Suspension and Expulsion: Denying students the right to attend class or to come onto District property for a designated period of time as provided in 4.30.021-AD.

## Web Sites

#### www.pbis.org

National technical assistance Web site on positive behavior intervention and supports includes an online library of reference, videos, and tools.

#### www.apbs.org

Association for Positive Behavior Support-membership includes *The Journal of Positive Behavior Interventions.* 

#### www.pbismaryland.org

Positive behavioral intervention and support page for the state of Maryland. The Web site has examples of school-wide implementation and tools to use.

#### www.swis.org

School-Wide Information System: A web-based means of recording and charting student behavior.

#### http://challengingbehavior.fmhi.usf.edu/pbs.html

Center for Evidence-Based Practice: An emphasis on the challenging behavior of young children including training, research, and case studies.

#### www.beachcenter.org

The Beach Center provides newsletter, publications, and training resources for PBIS in the home and school.

#### http://flpbs.fmhi.usf.edu

The Florida Positive Behavior Support Project has resources for school-wide, classroom three Tier, and family implementation of PBIS. Hosts a PowerPoint-based training of school-wide and individual PBIS.

#### www.successfulschools.org

Effective Educational Practices Web site provides an acknowledgement menu and other information for behavior support.

#### www.whatworks.ed.gov

The What Works Clearinghouse describes Character Education and Success for All as approaches that improve student behavior.

#### http://serc.gws.uky.edu/pbis/home.html

The University of Kentucky has four Web-based modules for self-paced learning titled "Understanding Problem Behavior."

#### http://pbs.fsu.edu/pbs.html

Five free training modules for download addressing implementation of PBIS for young children.

#### www.vanderbilt.edu/csefel/modules.html

Four free training modules to promote social-emotional competence of young children.

#### http://onlineacademy.org

Seven training modules designed to enhance learning and deepen understanding of PBIS.

#### www.interventioncentral.org

Free tools, ideas, and resources for school personnel and parents created by a school psychologist and administrator, Jim Wright.

#### www.resa.net/curriculum/positivebehavior

Wayne RESA school-wide positive behavior support includes documents, materials, tools, and samples.

#### www.cenmi.org/miblsi

Michigan's Integrated Behavior and Learning Support Initiative.

#### www.michigan.gov/mde

Find important policies such as the State Board of Education Standards for the Emergency Use of Seclusion and Restraint, the State Board of Education Positive Behavior Support Policy, and the Model Anti-Bullying Policy. Click on: **"State Board of Education" then "Policies."** 

- Seclusion and Restraint—December 2006
- Positive Behavior Support—September 12, 2006
- Model Anti-Bullying—September 12, 2006