Creating a POSITIVE and SAFE SCHOOL environment for ALL STUDENTS

PARENT COMMENTS:

“I feel welcome (at my child’s school). Everyone is respectful, children as well as staff.”

“I like it when my child is rewarded for doing the right thing.”

"There is no problem with bullying. It (SWPBS) has made this school a safe, fun place for kids to come and learn."

(Please see reverse side for additional information)
What is School Wide Positive Behavior Supports (SWPBS)?
School wide positive behavior supports (SWPBS) is a system for improving student behavior. Developed by a school, it is used:

- With all students
- Across all school environments (classroom, lunchroom, restroom, playground)
- To help schools create effective learning environments

How does SWPBS work?
With SWPBS strategies, schools can create a positive behavior support system for all students by providing:

- A common approach to discipline
- Positive expectations and behaviors
- Procedures for teaching expected behaviors
- Procedures for encouraging expected behaviors
- Procedures for discouraging inappropriate behaviors

Why does SWPBS work?
Research shows that positive, predictable school environments lead to:

- Safer feelings for students
- Better academic performance
- Higher test results
- Better behavior choices

Schools also show positive results such as:

- A gain in instructional time
- Fewer out-of-school suspensions
- Fewer discipline referrals
- Fewer referrals to special education

Parent Involvement is Important!
Students learn best when parents are involved in developing positive behavior supports. Consistency between home and school is the key to better outcomes for all students.

How can parents be involved?

- Learn about SWPBS
- Participation in SWPBS planning
- Use SWPBS strategies in home and community settings
- Help build parent participation in SWPBS
- Encourage community involvement
- Attend a SWPBS recognition program
- Create a SWPBS video or newsletter

For more information or workshops on parent involvement, contact KS STATE PIRC (see reverse side).

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