

Implementing Schoolwide Positive Behavior Supports

Schoolwide Positive Behavior Supports (SWPBS) advocates that schools identify clear and measurable behavior outcomes; collect and use data to guide their decisions; implement evidence-based practices; and develop systems to ensure that practices are implemented across the school and sustained over time. Toward that end, we recommend the following seven steps.

1. Assign a team, committee, or task force to lead the school's focus on academic and social behaviors.
2. Learn together.
3. Identify a limited number of essential academic and social behaviors.
4. Determine how students will demonstrate mastery of each essential behavior.
5. Design a process to systematically teach essential behaviors across the school.
6. Design targeted privileges and recognitions to promote positive behavior.
7. Monitor essential social and academic behaviors.