

PAWSITIVE PANTHERS

I. Introduction to SWPBS

What is SWPBS?

School-wide Positive Behavior Support is a school-wide focus of teaching, recognizing, and rewarding our students for positive behavior.

Why SWPBS?

School-wide Positive Behavior Support enhances the learning environment for all learners by creating a positive school community, promoting respect and responsibility, ensuring safety, providing clarity of expectations, providing school-wide consistency, promoting ownership of choices and decisions, and enhancing self-esteem in an authentic manner.

Frequently Asked Questions

Common Concerns/ Misconceptions	SWPBS Response
Students should know how to behave; why do we have to teach/reward behavior?	Data show that not all students know how to behave appropriately in school to ensure a respectful, responsible, and safe learning environment.
We don't always get a reward for doing the right thing.	How true! Behaviors do not need to be reinforced continually--but intermittently on an as-needed basis as determined by student need. The hope is that reinforcement can be faded over time.
Some kids will misbehave no matter what you give them.	This reason is why we need SWPBS! For these students, we need to recognize positive behaviors when we see them--even for seemingly simple behaviors (e.g., sitting in a chair properly, speaking with a 1 voice, etc.) One goal of SWPBS is to shape behaviors by building positive momentum.
Why do we need this?	The consistency of this program will help to communicate expectations for students from year to year. The embedded system of recognition for appropriate behaviors will, it is hoped, encourage students to meet expectations and contribute to the school community in positive ways.