



Who We Are

In October of 2014, the Nassau County School District joined over 50 Florida school districts as part of a national initiative to bring Positive Behavior Support or PBS to our schools. The benefits of this research-based approach to behavior can be seen across the state and nation as schools become proactive in establishing a process that facilitates positive behavior change and improves outcomes for all students. We are in the early stages of this multiyear process and look forward to all it will bring to our district and community as we align the goals of PBS with the mission of Nassau County School District to:

“...develop each student as an inspired life-long learner and problem solver with the strength of character to serve as a productive member of society”

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Parent Guide to Positive Behavior Support



What is Positive Behavior Support?

Positive Behavior Support (PBS) is a process for creating safe, supportive school environments, decreasing problem behaviors and improving student outcomes both academically and socially. In Nassau County Schools, PBS will enhance our current systems and practices and positively impact our school cultures.



How Does It Work?

A key feature of the PBS process is prevention. Throughout the district, schools have worked to build upon and create:

- *Core behavioral expectations & rules for ALL students in ALL settings.*
- *Effective teaching strategies for teaching school wide expectations*
- *Consistent, effective consequences and discipline measures that are universally applied*
- *An acknowledgement system to encourage and model expected behaviors*

The PBS process allows educators, parents and community members to work together to assist all students in knowing expectations and receiving the necessary supports to develop appropriate behaviors and to participate as learners.

Leadership teams including administrators, teachers, parents and community members will meet regularly and use data to evaluate PBS strategies, track progress and identify areas to target for intervention.

What will you see in a PBS school?

- *3-5 School Wide Expectations posted and consistently applied throughout the school*
- *Teaching of expected behaviors*
- *An acknowledgement system that recognizes students who model expected behaviors*
- *Effective consequences and discipline procedures to address problem behaviors*

How can you support PBS at home?

Parents play an important role in the PBS process. You can support PBS at home by:

- *Knowing your school's expectations*
- *Reinforcing those expectations at home*
- *Recognizing opportunities to reference the expectations at home and in the community*
- *Demonstrating school-wide expectations while on school grounds*
- *Volunteering to become part of PBS at your school*