

PBS – Positive Behavior Support

Quick Reference Sheet

Goal - The goal of Southport Middle School school-wide positive behavior support initiative is to provide positive supports for students and staff members in order to promote a safe and orderly learning environment.

SPMS – What does it stand for?

Show Respect

Practice Responsibility

Make an Effort

Stay Safe

How do we encourage students to display these important behaviors?

Catch them being good and REWARD them for it! All teachers are expected to be prepared to hand out *cane cash* when they see students demonstrating the expected behaviors (see chart on reverse side for examples).

How can students use the cane cash that they have earned?

The decision on how to use their cane cash is left entirely up to each individual student. Obviously different children value different rewards... The PBS Core Team will provide an opportunity for students to use their cane cash for a major school-wide activity (ie: Dances/Field Day/etc...), one time each nine-week period.

*** Each team is expected to design their own personal reward system for their students. Students should be given the opportunity to use their cane cash on a weekly basis within the team setting. This system of rewards should be well planned and purposeful, and should be discussed with the students on the first day of school, and thereafter. ***Lets work together to show our students that good behavior is valued!!!***

Like any other content, PBS must be taught to our students.

Team Leaders will be expected to submit a Team Action Plan to Dr. Mosley by August 15th. This plan should clearly outline how PBS will be taught to students at the beginning of the school year. Here is an example of how it can be broken down among the team:

Reading – Read a story that exemplifies “SPMS” (ie: Chicken Soup for the Soul or 7 Habits of Highly Successful Teens).

Social Studies – Discuss citizenship, respect, and nomination process for “Student of the Month” awards.

Math - Discuss procedures for student led accounting system for cane cash. (WOW design quality – authenticity)

Language Arts – Discuss “SPMS” acronym and divide into groups to do a picture brainstorming activity that demonstrates each element of the acronym.

Science – Discuss safety issues