

Improvements in PBS Program for 2008-2009 school year based on student input and discipline data...

1. As per discipline data our greatest area of referrals are due to non-compliance with dress code. As a result, we are implementing dress code reward days on the first Friday of each month to reward the students that remain in dress code on a consistent basis. On these days we will be hosting themed "out of dress-code days" (ie: Mismatched Day, Untucked Day, T-shirt Day, Hat and Jersey Day, Plaid Day, etc...). We want to focus on the students that remain in dress code and reward them for being responsible.
2. As per discipline data our greatest incidents of referrals happen in the classroom. We have decided to implement a school wide focus on daily teaching of the school-wide expectations in the classroom. All teachers will begin their class, on a daily basis, with a 1 minute activity that reinforces our school-wide expectations.
3. As per student input from our PBS Focus Groups, we will be developing a PBS Event rubric. We will outline exact requirements for participation in our school-wide PBS events.
4. As per student input from our PBS Focus Groups, we are in the process of developing a team of 8th grade student PBS mentors. This "PBS Buddy Team" will provide PBS support for our incoming 6th graders.
5. As per student input from our PBS Focus Groups, We are setting up requirements for Cane Cash rewards. We will require each staff member to hand out a minimum of 2 Cane Cash dollars per period. We will be retraining the staff, at the start of the year, to use very specifically stated praise that is directly linked to our school-wide expectations. (ie: Thank you for being responsible and completing your homework.)
6. As per teacher input in our New Teacher/Mentor Meetings, We will be holding a special PBS Training for all new staff members prior to our school-wide pre-school PBS Training. We want to give these new teachers enough background information for them to feel comfortable when we are discussing the program in our pre-school faculty meetings.
7. As per staff and student input from our PBS Day this school year, we will be starting off the school year the first week with a PBS day. On PBS Day all teachers will be focusing their lesson plans on a specific school-wide expectation. We will also host a student-made bulletin board contest.