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Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) at Tiers 1, 2 and 3



PBIS - Tier 1

Tier 1 supports consist of rules, routines, and physical arrangements that are developed and taught by school staff to prevent initial occurrences of behavior the school would like to target for change, as well as the positive behaviors that the school would like to reward and encourage. The development and the teaching of our three expectations, along with the acknowledgement of students who are behaving appropriately, all represent Tier 1 support.



Tier 1 in Upper Darby School District

In Upper Darby School District, our staff teach our students the three expectations for behavior: Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible. The PBIS lessons that our staff deliver to students represent examples of Tier 1 supports.



PBIS - Tier 2

Tier 2 supports are designed to provide intensive or targeted interventions to students who are not responding to Tier 1 Supports. They are more intensive since a smaller number of students require these supports. Tier 2 supports are targeted group supports which school staff provide to some students who demonstrate that they exhibit more serious problem behaviors.



Examples of Tier 2 supports in Upper Darby School District

Student Conference
Restate positive expectation
Increased cues and prompts
Respectful redirection
Parent Conference

Meet with a mentor teacher Check in / Check out Second Step Character Counts classes Social Skills instruction



PBIS Tier 3

Tier 3 supports are provided to students who are not responding to Tier 2 Supports. They are more intensive and individualized, and they are intended to reduce the frequency, duration and intensity of externalizing and internalizing problem behaviors and improve life outcomes.



Tier 3 Supports in Upper Darby School District

School Attendance Improvement Conference SST Referral SAP and ESAP (elementary level)



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