Prevention and Systematic Intervention to Address Social Behavioral Problems: School-wide Positive Behavior Support

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Starting Point....

- Educators cannot "make" students learn or behave
- Educators can create environments to increase the likelihood students learn and behave
- Environments that increase the likelihood are guided by a core curriculum and implemented with consistency and fidelity



The Challenge

• The "core curriculum" is often "punishment" to try and reduce problem behavior in school

 However, "<u>punishing</u>" problem behaviors (without a proactive support system) is associated with **increases** in (a) aggression, (b) vandalism, (c) truancy, and (d) dropping out. (Mayer, 1995, Mayer & Sulzar-Azaroff, 1991, Skiba & Peterson, 1999)



The Good News...

Research reviews continue to indicate that **effective** responses to significant behavioral challenges in school include:

- Social Skills Training
- Academic Restructuring
- Behavioral Interventions

= instructional strategies - "teaching"



School-wide Positive Behavior Support

SW-PBS is a broad range of <u>systemic</u> <u>and individualized</u> strategies for achieving important <u>social and</u> <u>learning outcomes</u> while preventing problem behavior

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Big Ideas

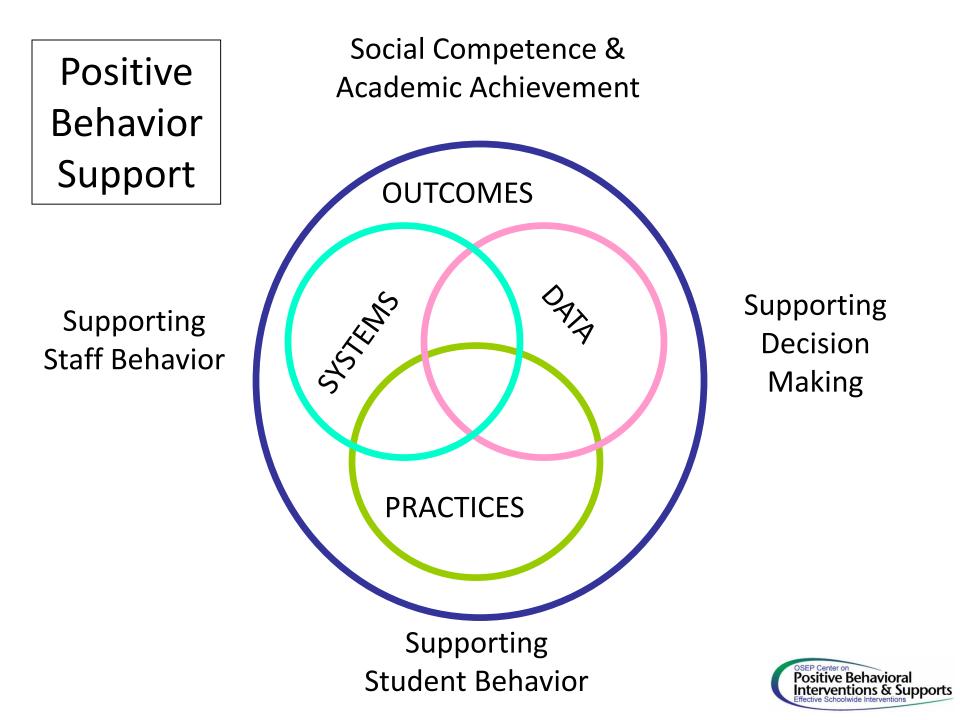
- Build Positive Behavior Support Plans that <u>teach pro-social "replacement</u>" behaviors
- Create environments to support the use of prosocial behaviors
 - 1. School-wide
 - 2. Classroom
 - 3. Individual student



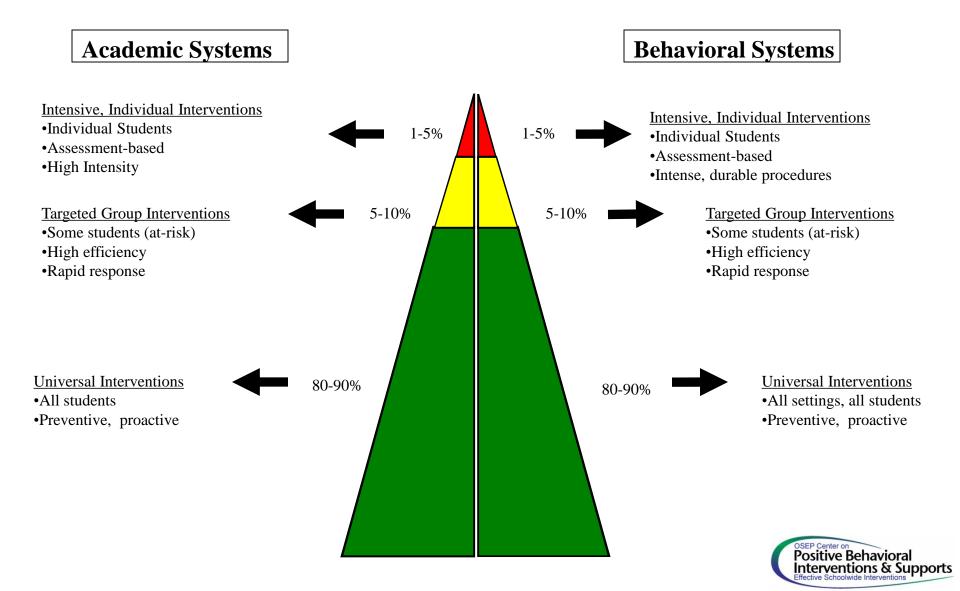
Essential Features at the School Level

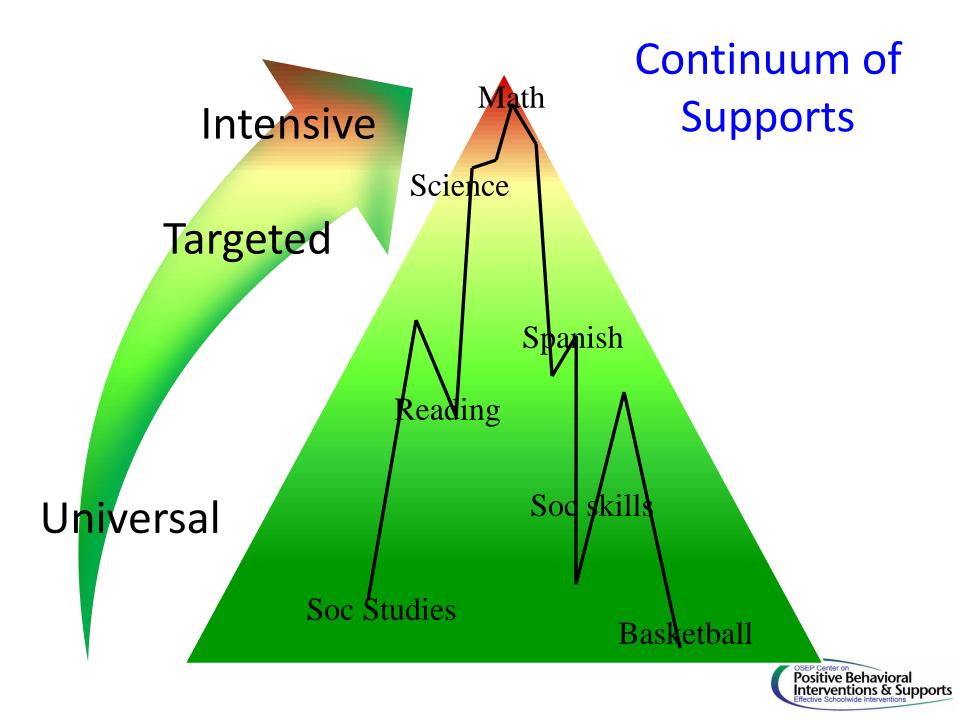
- Teams of educators within the school (administrator)
- Data-based decision making
- Instructional Focus
 - Teach & Practice
- Acknowledge student mastery of social skills
 - Positive Feedback





Designing School-Wide Systems for Student Success





Universal School-Wide Features

- Clearly define expected behaviors (Rules)
 - All Settings
 - Classrooms
- Procedures for <u>teaching & practicing</u> expected behaviors
- Procedures for encouraging expected behaviors
- Procedures for discouraging problem behaviors
- Procedures for data-based decision making
- Family Awareness and Involvement



Benton Primary School

I am	All Settings	Classroom	Hallways	Cafeteria	Bathrooms	Playground	Assemblies
Safe	•Keep bodies calm in line •Report any problems •Ask permission to leave any setting	•Maintain personal space	•Walk •Stay to the right on stairs •Banisters are for hands	•Walk •Push in chairs •Place trash in trash can	 Wash hands with soap and water Keep water in the sink One person per stall 	 Use equipment for intended purpose Wood chips are for the ground Participate in school approved games only Stay in approved areas Keep body to self 	•Walk •Enter and exit gym in an orderly manner
Respect- ful	 Treat others the way you want to be treated Be an active listener Follow adult direction(s) Use polite language Help keep the school orderly 	•Be honest •Take care of yourself	•Walk quietly so others can continue learning	•Eat only your food •Use a peaceful voice	 Allow for privacy of others Clean up after self 	 Line up at first signal Invite others who want to join in Enter and exit building peacefully Share materials Use polite language 	•Be an active listener •Applaud appropriately to show appreciation
A Learner	•Be an active participant •Give full effort •Be a team player •Do your job	•Be a risk taker •Be prepared •Make good choices	•Return to class promptly	•Use proper manners •Leave when adult excuses	 Follow bathroom procedures Return to class promptly 	•Be a problem solver •Learn new games and activities	•Raise your hand to share •Keep comments and questions on topic

RAH – at Adams City High School

(Respect – Achievement – Honor)

RAH	Classroom	Hallway/ Commons	Cafeteria	Bathrooms
Respect	Be on time; attend regularly; follow class rules	Keep location neat, keep to the right, use appropriate lang., monitor noise level, allow others to pass	Put trash in cans, push in your chair, be courteous to all staff and students	Keep area clean, put trash in cans, be mindful of others' personal space, flush toilet
Achievement	Do your best on all assignments and assessments, take notes, ask questions	Keep track of your belongings, monitor time to get to class	Check space before you leave, keep track of personal belongings	Be a good example to other students, leave the room better than you found it
Honor	Do your own work; tell the truth	Be considerate of yours and others' personal space	Keep your own place in line, maintain personal boundaries	Report any graffiti or vandalism

Redesign Learning & Teaching Environment

School Rules NO Food NO Weapons NO Backpacks NO Drugs/Smoking NO Bullying



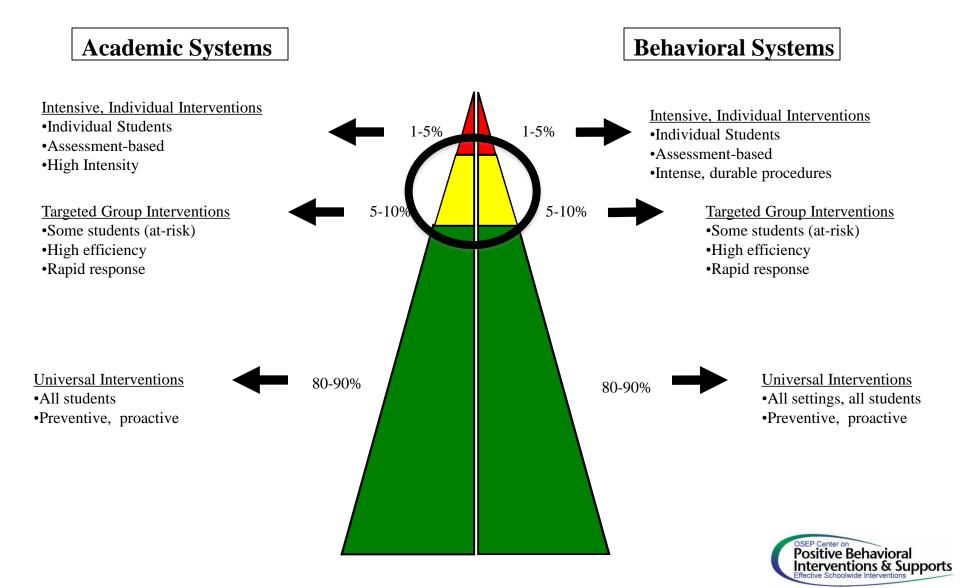
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Welcome to Westwood!

It's The Westwood Way!



Designing School-Wide Systems for Student Success

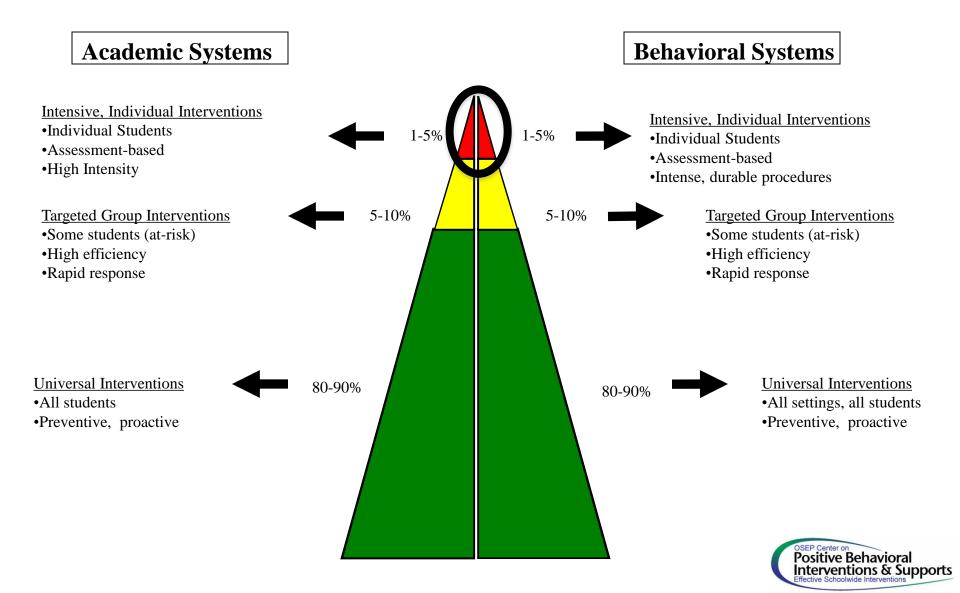


Tier II (small group)

- Efficient and effective way to identify at-risk students
 - Screen
 - Data decision rules
- Informal assessment process to match intervention to student need
 - Small group Social Skill Instruction
 - Self-management
 - Academic Support
- Part of a continuum must link to universal school-wide PBS system



Designing School-Wide Systems for Student Success



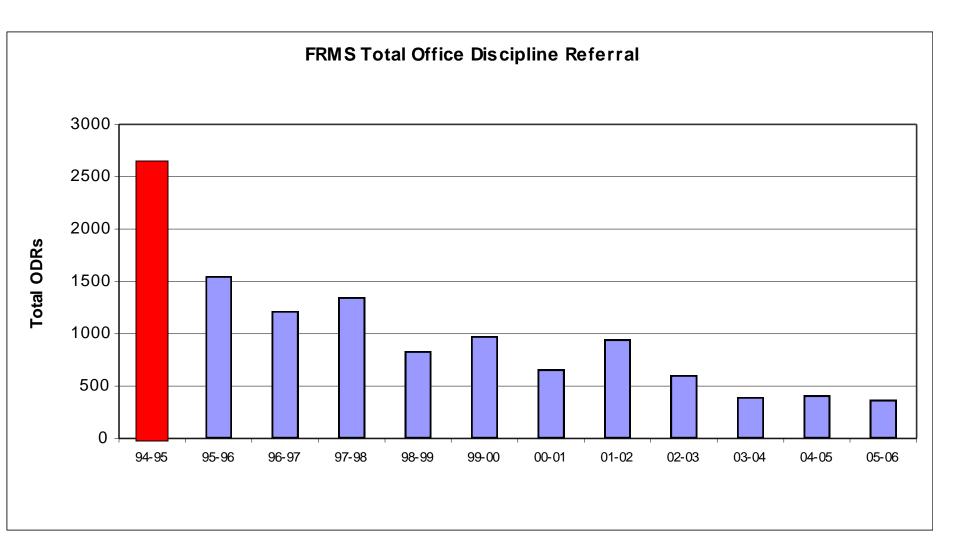
Tier III (individualized support)

- When small group not sufficient
- When problem intense and chronic
- Driven by Functional Behavioral Assessment
- Connections to Mental Health and Community Agencies
- Part of a continuum must link to universal school-wide PBS system

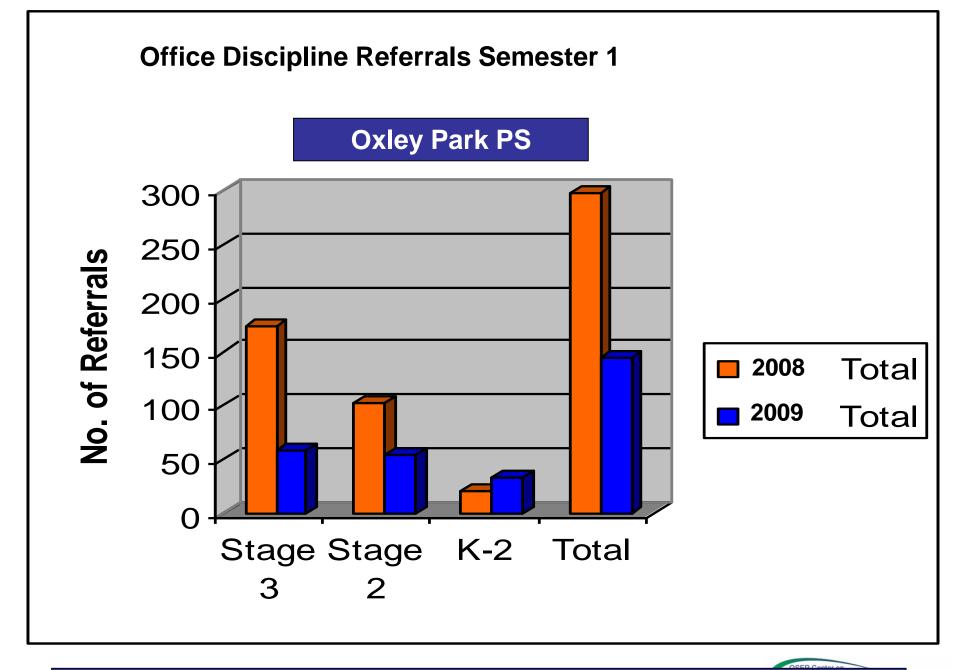


Outcomes



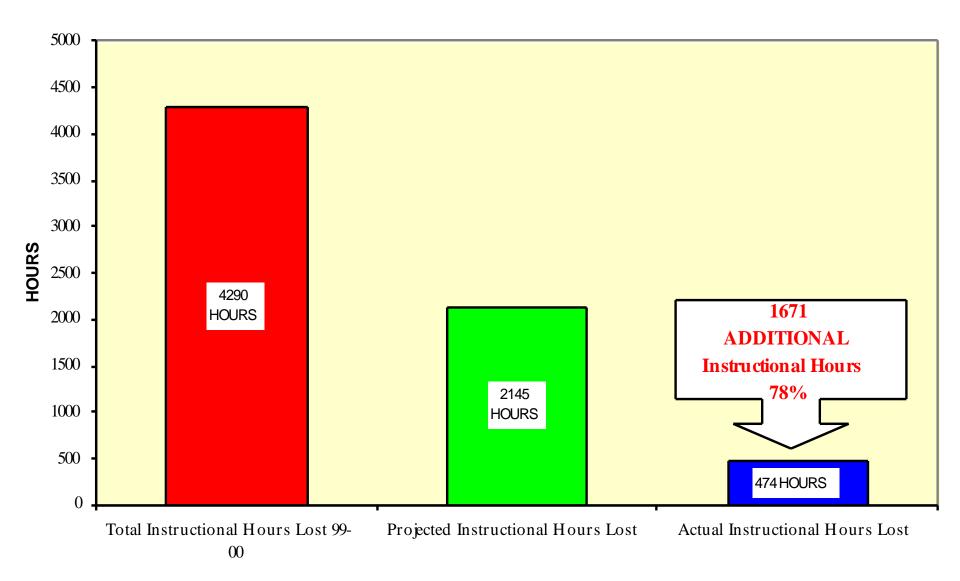




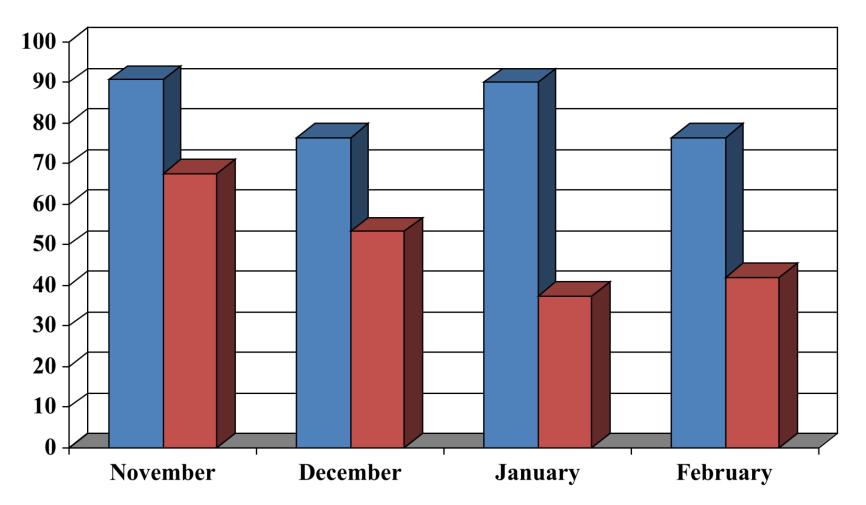


50% decrease in number of discipline referrals from 2008 to 2009

INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS GAINED Projected (50%) vs. Actual (Aug-Dec 2000)

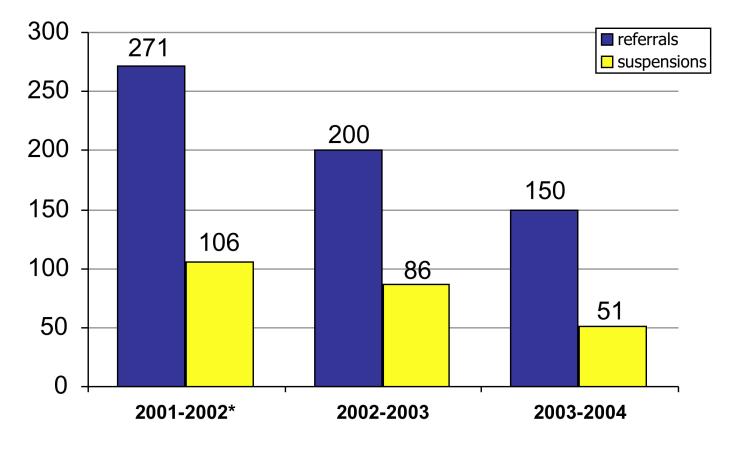


Alton High School Average Referrals per Day



Interventions & Supports

Anne Arundel High School Total Referrals/ Suspensions by Year



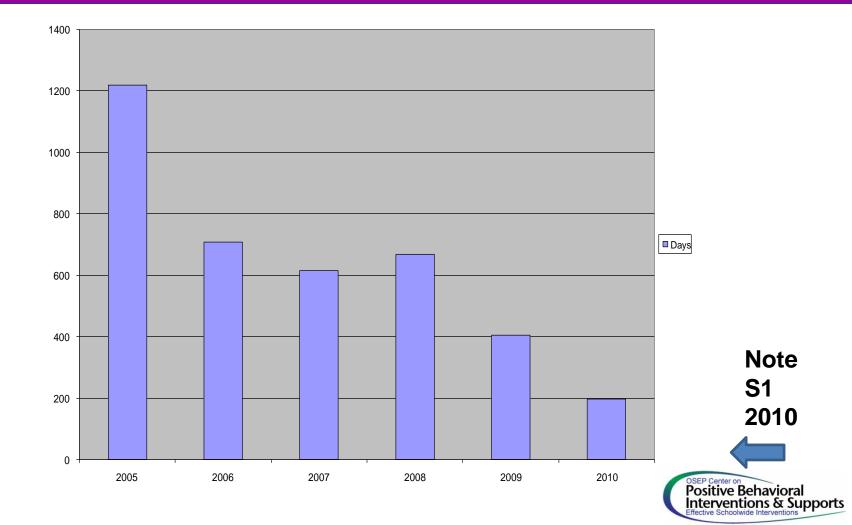


Other High School Outcomes....

- Triton High School
 - 48% Free and reduced lunch
 - 59% reduction in suspension
 - Halved the drop out rate
- Mountain View High School
 - 30% free and reduced lunch
 - 30% reduction in ODR
 - Last to first in achievement in district



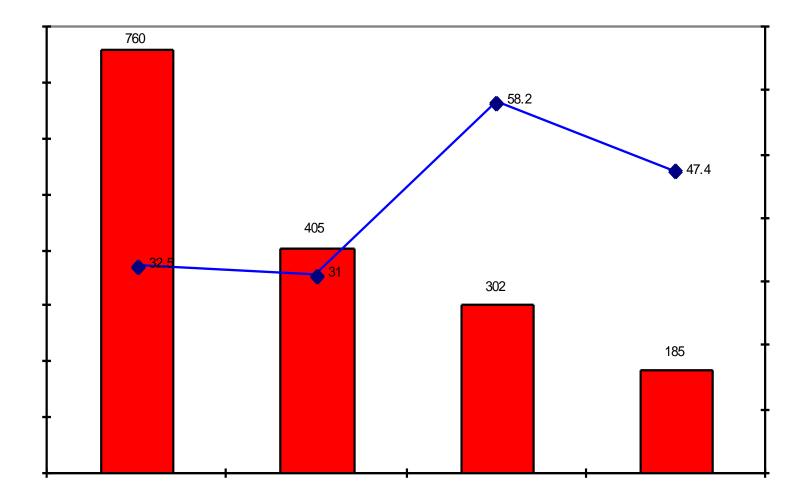
Parramatta HS: No. of Days Suspended

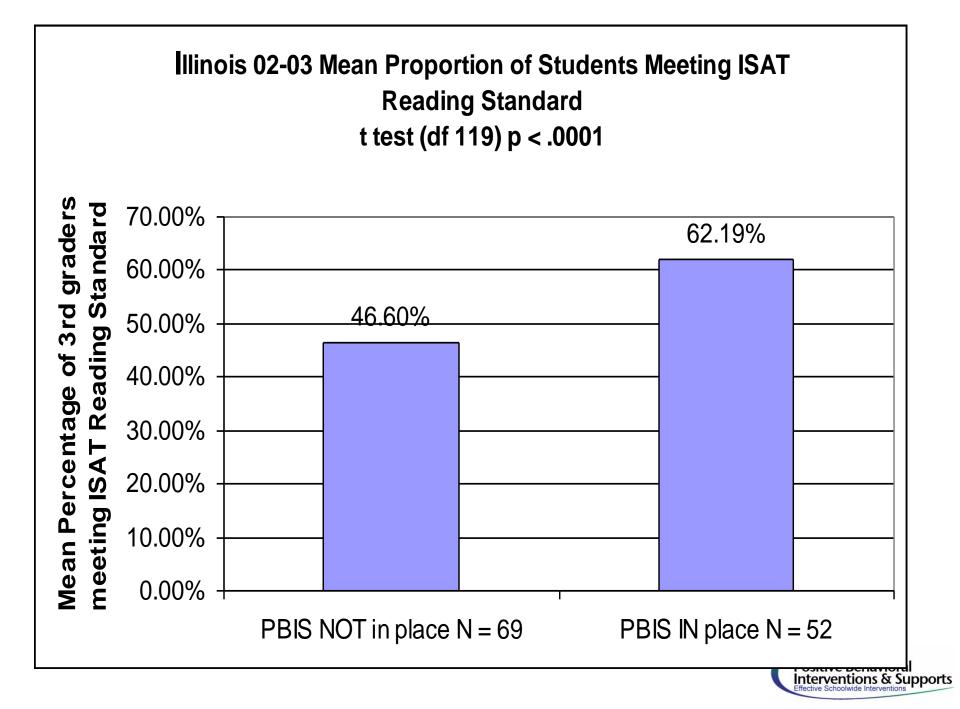


Parramatta HS: Culture and Climate Survey (2004/2008)

	2004	2008	
Shared Goals	(we know where we are going)	45 [%]	73%
Responsibility for	r Success (we must succeed)	51%	69%
Collegiality	(we're working on it together)	54 [%]	69%
Continuous Impr	covement (we can get better)	54%	76%
Lifelong Learning	g (learning is for everyone)	64%	66%
Risk Taking	(we learn by trying something new)	22%	39%
Support (there's always someone there to help)	68%	80%
Mutual Respect	(everyone has something to offer)	66%	80%
Openness	(we can discuss our differences)	45 [%]	71%
Celebration & Hu	63%	80%	







Tier II & III Small Group and Individual Interventions

Supporting Students At-Risk and those with Disabilities Within Their Home School





Lansdowne High School PBIS

The Viking Code



Proactive Approach to School-wide Discipline

- Provide a clear system for all expected behaviors
- Create and maintain a productive, safe environment
- Establish clear expectations
- Enhance student academic & social success



Components

- Common approach
- Clear, positive expectations
- Procedures to teach expected behaviors
- Range of ways to encourage and discourage
- Means to collect data \mathcal{E} monitor



Viking Code of Conduct

- Readiness
- Responsibility
- Respect



Procedures for Encouraging Positive Behavior

- Viking of the Month
- "I Noticed"
- Posters throughout school
- Display of winners on V-Board
- Regular announcements of winners

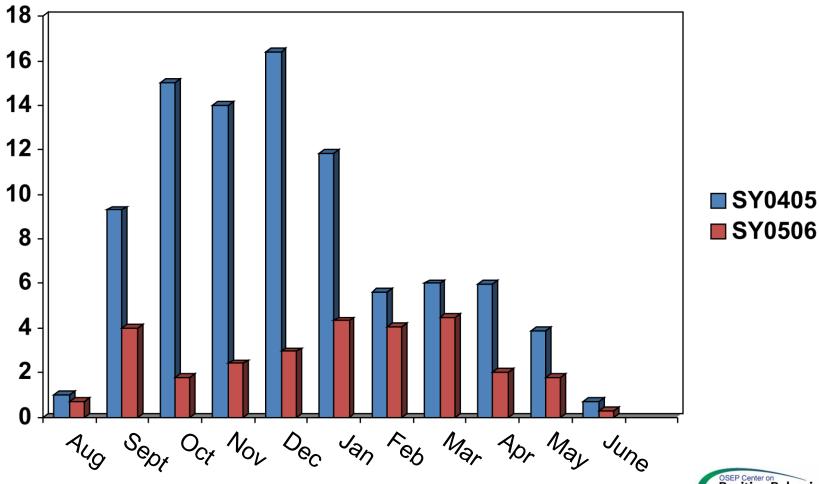


Procedures for Discouraging Problem Behaviors

- Student Incident Report
- Office Referral
- Teacher-managed vs. Office-managed behaviors
- Consistency vs. Discretion
- Intervention Flow Chart



Average Referrals per Day per Month Office Referrals



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SW-PBS and *Response to Intervention* with Literacy



- High Diversity
 - School has 290 students; 50% minority; 20%
 English Language Learners; 13% Special
 Education
- Instructional leader turnover
- Poverty
 - 79% of students live in poverty
- Highly transient population



- Teachers and Staff committed to increasing academic and social success of all students
- A committed Principal who supported faculty in their efforts to change the way they taught to improve children's lives



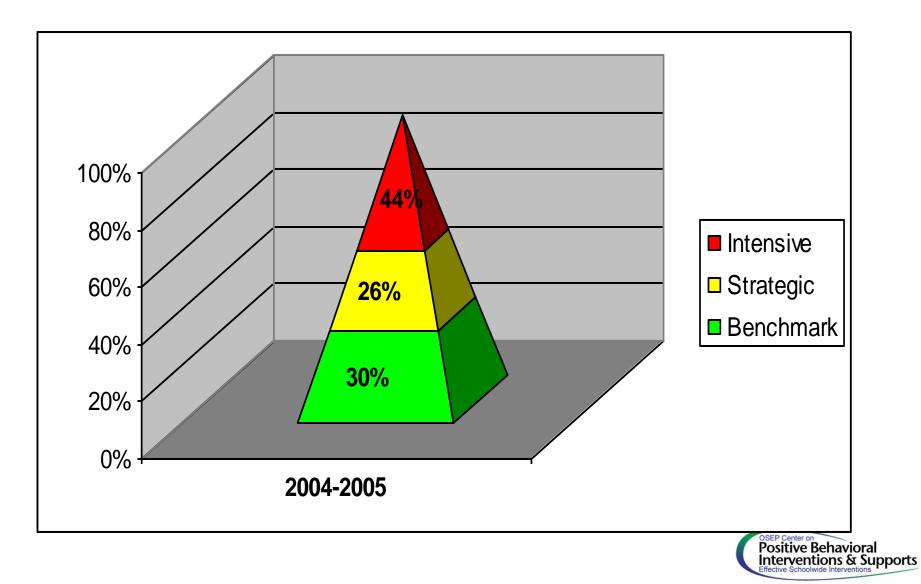
- Academic Standing
 - Only 5% of all students scored proficient in 2005
 - Breakdown by ethnicity:
 - -0% African-American
 - -18% Caucasian
 - -0% Students with disabilities
 - -0% English Language Learners
 - -7% Students living in Poverty



- Literacy
 - In 2004–05, 44% students required <u>intensive</u> support for reading and writing
- Social Behavior
 - In 2003-04 Averaging 10.4 discipline referrals per day



Field Literacy Data



Structure	Core Reading 90 min, 5 days week with:	Intervention Groups 45 min, 4 days week, with: (5 th day individual focus)
Tier III Intensive Intervention	Classroom Teacher	Reading specialists, Sp Ed, ELL, Sp. Lang, K-2 SRA Reading Mastery 3-5 Wilson Reading Systems
Tier II Strategic Intervention	Classroom Teacher	Classroom Teacher Reading Mastery or Soar to Success
Tier I DIBELS benchmark	Classroom Teacher	Classroom Teacher Enrichment based on themes of core program



Core Reading and Intervention Schedule

Core

- K 9:00-10:30
- 1st 9:00-10:30
- 2 10:00-11:30
- 3 11:00-12:30
- 4 1:45-3:15
- 5 1:00-2:30

- Intervention
- 12:25-12:55
- 11:30-12:15
- 9:15-10:00
- 10:15-11:00
- 1:00-1:45
- 2:15-3:00



Positive Behavior Supports



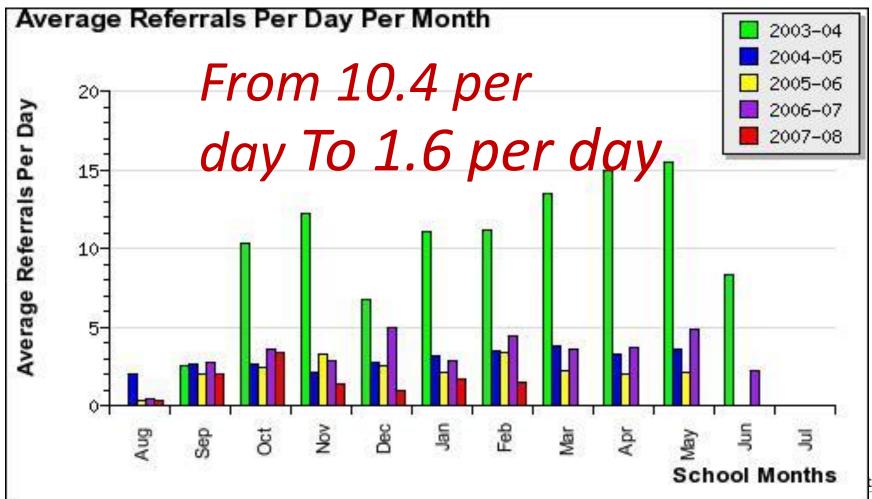
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EUGENE FIELD ELEMENTARY TIGER TRAITS



	All Settings	Arrival & Dismissal	Hallways	Restrooms	Cafeteria	Playground	Field Trips
RESPECTIVE	-Respond to Tiger P.A.W.S. -Enter, exit, and travel by walking quietly in single file. -Use people pleasing language and behavior.	-Listen attentively to autoouscements. -Care for your personal belongings.	-Follow walk cones. -Use stairs appropriately, -Observe Tiger Stops,	-Take turns. -Respect the privacy of others.	-Raise your hand for help, -Eat only your own food, -Talk only to those at your table using an inside voice.	-Include all who want to play. -Use equipment appropriately. -Accept skill differences. -Problem softe conflicts using the Pencer Path.	 Listen attentively, When seated, when seated, sit on bottom and face forward. Respond and show appreciation appropriately.
RESPANSIBILE	-Follow adult directions the first time. -Keep hands, feet, and body to self. -Clean up after yourself. -Ask permission in leave your avrigned area.	-Obey the safety pateol and use crosswalks and sidewalks. -Report to assigned area in circle drive and stay there until picked up. -Ge immediately to destination upon arrival or dismissal.	-Carry a pass when alone, -When moving as a class, remain in line order.	-Immediately report problems to nearest adult, -Wash hands with snap and water, -Prosh tollets/orizals, -Return to your class or class line seder promptly,		-Stay in designated	-Follow site rules, -Be prepared,

Impact on Behavior Problems

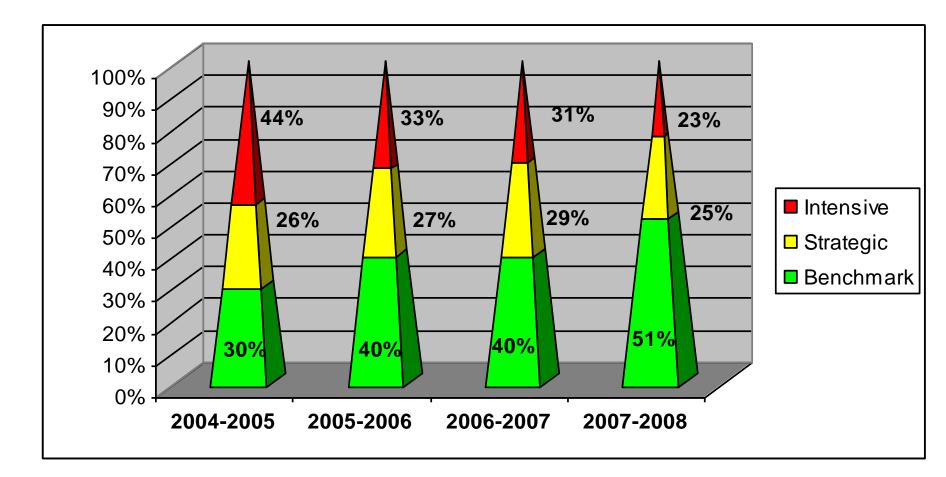


Impact on Literacy

- Improved Academic Standing
 - In 2007, 27% of Field's students scored proficient in 2007 (up from 5%).
 - African American: 0% improved to 16%
 - Caucasian: 18% improved to 57%
 - Students with disabilities: 0% improved to 25%
 - English Language Learners: 0% improved to 27%



Field Literacy Data





Why Invest in SW-PBS?

- Change in school discipline system creates an environment that promotes, teaches, and acknowledges appropriate behavior
- Reduction in problem behavior resulting in less staff time dealing with problems, more student time in the classroom
- Improved academic performance
- Improved social behavior performance
- Improved school safety, mental health connections, and individual interventions

