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## **182 Schools Across Missouri Will Be Honored for Effective Implementation of “Positive Behavior Support”**

One hundred eighty-two Missouri public schools will be honored Monday (June 7) by state education officials for their successful adoption and implementation of “positive behavior support,” a comprehensive approach to improving students’ behavior and academic performance.

The schools and charter schools (see list) will receive gold, silver and bronze awards Monday afternoon during the fifth annual [Schoolwide Positive Behavior Support Summer Institute](#), sponsored by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the University of Missouri Center for Schoolwide Positive Behavior Support.

More than 1,000 educators from school districts and charter schools throughout Missouri are expected to attend this year’s conference, in Columbia.

The awards will be presented by Heidi Atkins Lieberman, assistant commissioner of the DESE Office of Special Education. The gold, silver and bronze awards represent the extent of each school’s implementation of PBS strategies and the evidence they have compiled about the program’s impact in each school.

Schoolwide “PBS” is a systematic approach to creating safer and more effective schools by structuring the learning environment to support the academic and social success of all students. It focuses on encouraging positive student behavior, preventing disruptive behavior and tailoring academic strategies to individual student’s needs.

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