

What is Schoolwide Positive Behavior Support (SW-PBS)?

SW-PBS is a process for creating safer and more effective schools by structuring the learning environment to support the academic and social success of all students. The process supports the adoption and long-term implementation of efficient and effective discipline throughout the school environment. SW-PBS methods are research-based, proven to significantly reduce the occurrence of problem behaviors in schools and supported by a three-tiered model.

Academic Systems

TIER THREE

- Individual Students
- Assessment-Based
- High Intensity

TIER TWO

- Some Students (At-Risk)
- High Efficiency
- Rapid Response

TIER ONE

- All Students
- Preventive, Proactive

Behavioral Systems

TIER THREE

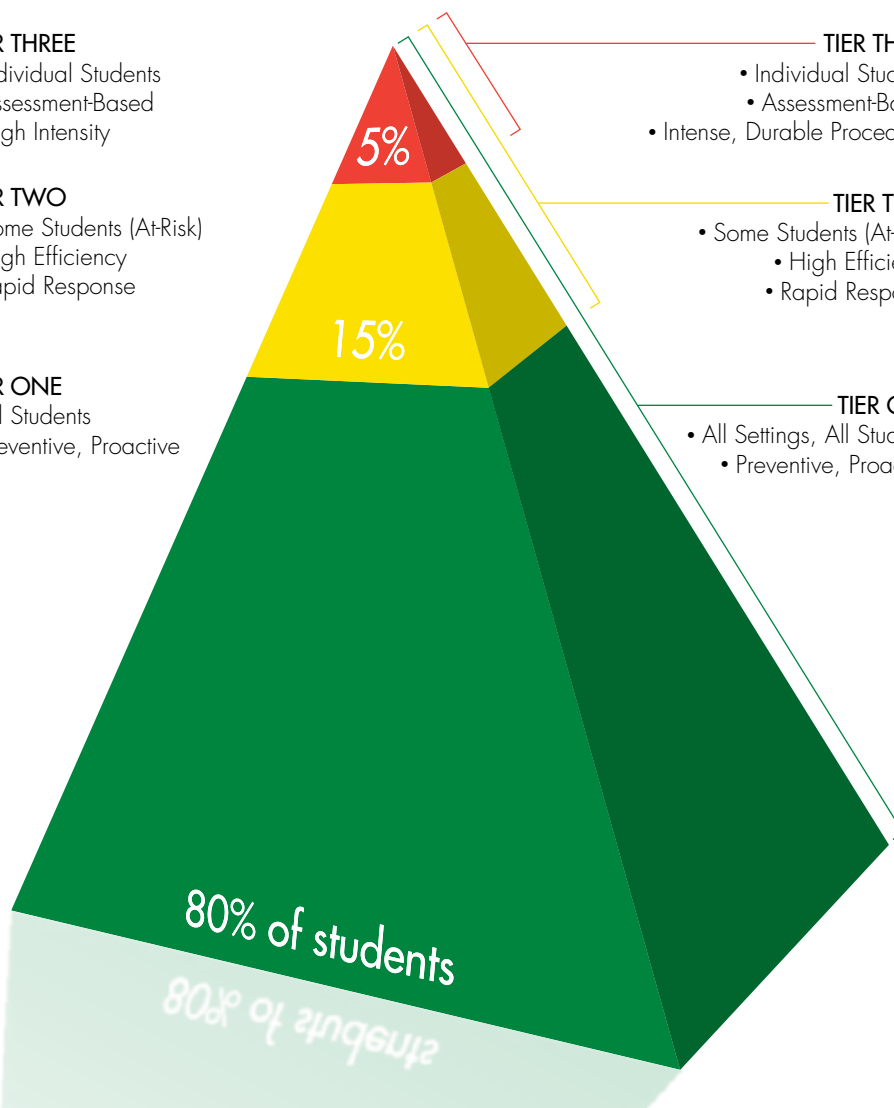
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- Assessment-Based
- Intense, Durable Procedures

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- All Settings, All Students
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What drives SW-PBS?

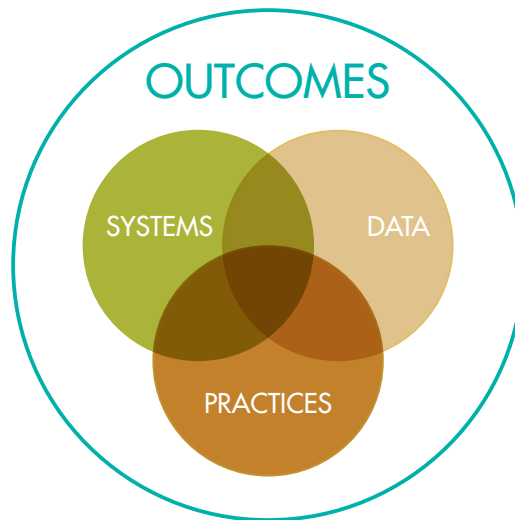
When schools employ effective systems, data-based decision making, and practices consistently and with fidelity, desired outcomes are achievable across all three tiers.

OUTCOMES: The academic, social and behavioral targets that are endorsed and emphasized by students, families and educators

Social Competence
and Academic
Achievement

SYSTEMS: The supports that are needed to enable accurate and durable implementation of SW-PBS practices by all staff

Supporting
Staff
Behavior



Supporting
Decision
Making

DATA: The information used to identify the current status, the need for change and the effects of interventions

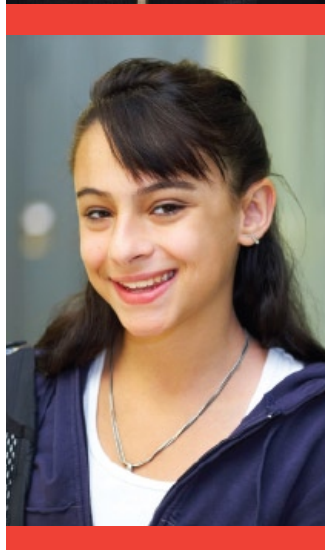
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PRACTICES: The evidence-based interventions and strategies that are taught and that structure the way staff members interact with students

What is the history of SW-PBS in Missouri?

Schools in Missouri have been implementing SW-PBS for more than 10 years, starting with a partnership that began in 1999 between the University of Missouri Center for SW-PBS and the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. In 2005, the Department provided funding for full-time SW-PBS consultants in six of the state's Regional Professional Development Centers (RPDCs) and appointed a Department supervisor. Since that time, the number of SW-PBS consultants has increased to 24 regionally based consultants, five Tier Two/Three consultants, a Web/data consultant, a state coordinator and an assistant coordinator. Dr. Tim Lewis, an MU professor and co-director of the OSEP Technical Assistance Center on Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports, has been instrumental in providing ongoing technical assistance and guidance to the Missouri SW-PBS initiative.

The Department's commitment to the Missouri SW-PBS initiative serves as a national exemplar. Currently, there are almost 600 schools in 176 districts across the state that are actively participating in Missouri SW-PBS.



What do effective SW-PBS schools consistently implement?

Effective SW-PBS schools consistently implement the Seven Essential Components at each of the three tiers. These components are individually and collectively research-based.

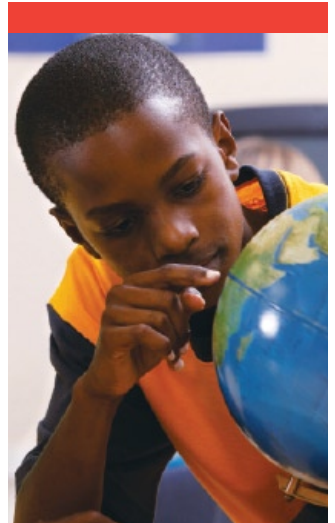
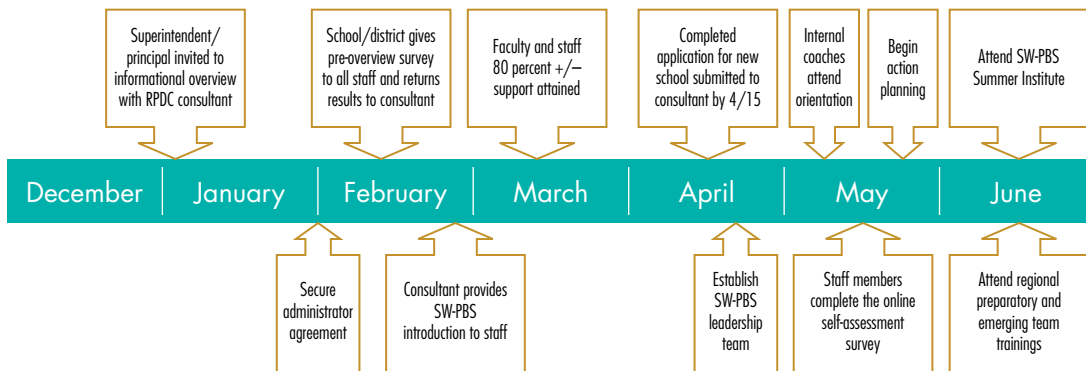
The Seven Essential Components

1. Administrative support, participation and leadership
2. Common purpose and approach to discipline
3. Clear set of positive expectations and behaviors
4. Procedures for teaching expected behavior
5. Continuum of procedures for encouraging expected behavior
6. Continuum of procedures for discouraging inappropriate behavior
7. Procedures for ongoing monitoring

How can my school district learn more about the Missouri SW-PBS initiative?

This timeline illustrates the process for committing to and receiving SW-PBS training. Commitment to the three- to five-year implementation process begins with an informational overview for prospective administrators, requires district- and building-level administrator approval, and needs ownership from 80 percent or more of each building's staff members.

Once commitment forms are submitted, training and technical support provided by SW-PBS regional consultants begin for coaches, administrators, and district- and building-level teams.



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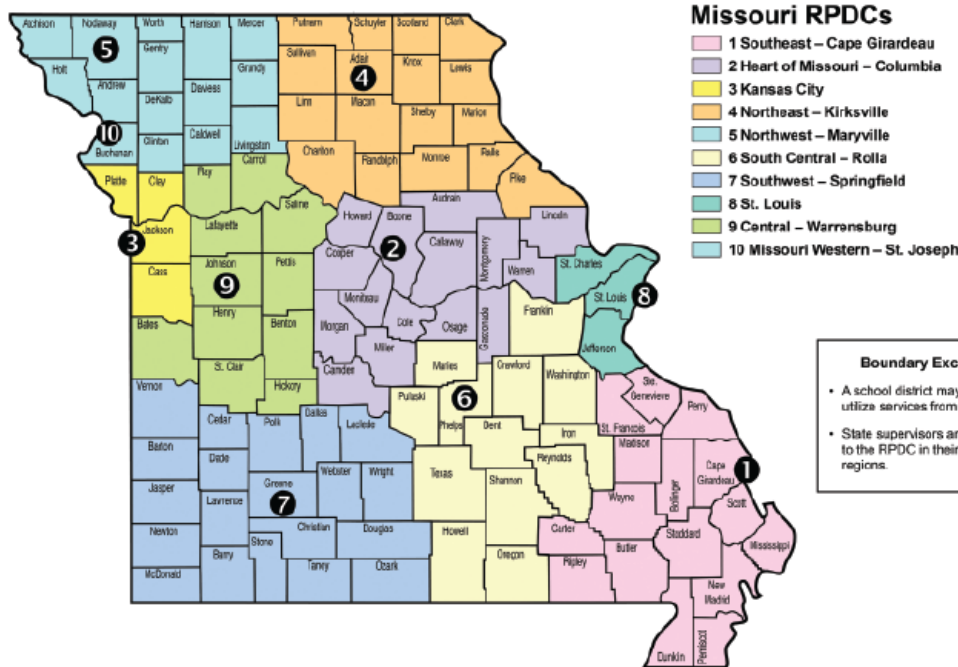
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