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## Missouri Schools Recognized for Achievement in Schoolwide Positive Behavior Support

217 Missouri public and charter schools will be recognized for exemplary implementation of Schoolwide Positive Behavior Support (SW-PBS), a proactive approach to teaching behavioral expectations in order to improve student behavior and maximize instructional time and student engagement.

The [schools](#) will be honored during the [eleventh annual SW-PBS Summer Institute](#) opening ceremonies on Monday, June 13 at 1:00 p.m. at Tan-Tar-A Resort in Osage Beach, Mo., where more than 1,000 educators are expected to attend.

Dr. Stephen Barr, assistant commissioner at the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, will be present to address the award recipients. Schools are awarded a recognition level (gold, silver or bronze), which represents the extent of their implementation of SW-PBS strategies and the evidence they have compiled about the program's impact in their school.

"MO SW-PBS recognition criteria are rigorous and research based," said Missouri SW-PBS State Director Nanci Johnson, Ph.D. " Schools that meet criteria for bronze, silver, and gold are demonstrating high fidelity of implementation at Tiers 1, 2, and 3, respectively. I applaud the ongoing work of all MO SW-PBS participating schools to improve learning environments for all students."

SW-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 supports to individual student needs.

During the 2015-2016 school year, approximately 700 Missouri schools participated in the SW-PBS program.

Successful systematic changes, such as SW-PBS, will help Missouri reach Goal 1 of the Department's [Top 10 by 20](#) initiative, which focuses on college and/or career readiness for all students statewide. The Top 10 by 20 initiative aims for student achievement in Missouri to rank among the top 10 states by the year 2020.

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