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

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

The [exemplar schools](#) will be honored during the [twelfth annual Missouri SW-PBS Summer Training Institute](#) opening ceremonies on Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at Tan-Tar-A Resort in Osage Beach, Mo. Over 1000 educators are expected to attend this conference to celebrate our exemplary schools, network with other educators, and learn about systems, data and practices that improve behavioral outcomes for students

Schools achieve the **MO SW-PBS Recognition Award of Excellence** after a rigorous review of artifacts that represent the quality of their implementation of SW-PBS interventions, as well as evidence that the framework has resulted in improved outcomes for students. Recognition levels include **Bronze**: implementation of Tier 1 Universal Interventions with fidelity; **Silver**: sustaining Tier 1 and implementation of Tier 2 Targeted Interventions with fidelity; and **Gold**: sustaining Tiers 1 & 2 and successful Implementation of Tier 3 Intensive and Individualized Interventions with fidelity.

"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 framework that guides 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 2016-2017 school year, approximately 680 Missouri schools participated in the SW-PBS initiative.

Successful systematic changes, such as SW-PBS, will help Missouri reach the goal The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's [Top 10 by 20](#) initiative, which aims for student achievement in Missouri to rank among the top 10 states by the year 2020.

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