



BEHAVIOR NEWSLETTER

Positive Behavior Support

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Why PBS?

Have you heard about Positive Behavior Support? 14 out of 33 of our public schools in Tangipahoa Parish have not only heard about it but are currently in the process of implementing PBS.

Why should you be interested in PBS? Discipline problems go down and test scores go up. For instance, at D.C. Reeves in Ponchatoula, discipline referrals decreased at least 50%. Data from local schools who have implemented PBS for several years show an increase in academic high stakes testing scores.

How does this apply to your classroom? If you spend less time correcting behavior you will have more time to teach academic skills. If students do not need to be corrected for off task behavior, they will spend more time on task.

What is PBS? Positive Behavior Support is not a *program*, but a framework for designing

and implementing proactive and preventative interventions. In other words, students are taught expected behaviors and recognized when they demonstrate these behaviors within the school setting.

How do you get involved with PBS? Contact your Pupil Appraisal contact person or Regina Roberts, Coordinator of School-wide Intervention Programs.



Free Crisis Counseling Program

Are you or someone you know still recovering from Katrina?

Why not talk about it with someone?

Talking Helps

Are you...

- having problems getting your home back in order?
- feeling angry or sad?
- having trouble sleeping or tired a lot?
- upset because other people are living with you?
- having parenting concerns with your child's "acting out"?
- yelling more or others yelling at you?
- using drugs or alcohol excessively?
- grieving more, frustrated, worried, anxious?
- having headaches, stomach aches or other pains?

Do you feel the need to release some of that stress? Do you know anyone who would benefit from this service?

Call Louisiana Spirit at 1-877-674-0488.

For additional mental health, substance abuse, tutoring, shelter or legal resources log onto www.tangischools.org and click on the Resources link under the Special Education Department.

Need a Laugh?

