Positive Behavior Support

Dear Riverside Middle School Parent,

Positive Behavior Support is a program supported by the Michigan Department of Education and Wayne County Schools to promote and maximize academic achievement and behavioral competence. It is a school-wide strategy for helping all students achieve important social and learning goals. We know that when good behavior and good teaching come together, our students will excel in their learning. Your student should have brought home a Positive Behavior Support brochure on the first day of school. Please come to the school to pick up if they did not.

As part of the PBS program, we have established several clear rules for the behavior we expect in all areas of our school. We will explicitly teach those expectations to the students and reward them frequently with positive notes and prizes for their great behavior. The expectations for all student behavior will be clear throughout our building and playground areas, cafeteria, gymnasium, and classrooms. You will be able to ask your student, “What are the rules in your school?” “How do you follow those rules?” “What happens when a teacher sees you following the rules?”

Your students will be expected to wear their identification card, their tardy card and their focus card around their neck at all times during the school day. These items will allow teachers, administrators and you to monitor and document your child’s behavior on a daily basis. Please ask your child to see these items if they have not already shown them to you. Each card has information on how it is used printed right on it.

Additionally, the Riverside Middle School website has a document under “Forms and Information” called “Middle School Discipline Rubric” This rubric will list many of the typical behavioral infractions encountered in the middle school and the progressive disciplinary actions that are typically taken when students engage in those behaviors.

Our school rules will specifically address bullying behaviors, provide for a safer school environment and give more time for instruction. We will apply consistent consequences and positive reinforcement for all kids. By detailing every expected behavior and teaching to kids in a positive way, we will provide a common language for everyone in our building, including students, teachers, front office staff and our paraprofessionals.

We believe that by helping students practice good behavior, we will build a school community where all students have an environment where they can succeed and grow.

We would like your input and your involvement. Please contact us at school if you have any questions or need further information. Thank you for your support!