



IMPROVING STUDENT BEHAVIOR WITH PBIS

Many schools use the **PBIS** program to help students learn to follow school rules and have a better school experience. PBIS stands for Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports.

How does PBIS Work?

PBIS schools teach children how they should act and reward them when they act correctly. Schools that use PBIS often feel safer and the children do better with their classwork. PBIS schools have fewer problems with bullying, discipline, and substance abuse.

PBIS schools follow a plan with three levels.

- Level 1: Teachers explain expectations for behavior to every child and then reward the students they see acting correctly.
- Level 2: Schools organize special group activities for students who need more help acting correctly. These activities could include group conversations with other students or workshops.
- Level 3: Schools organize special activities for students who need individual attention. This may include interventions created in a Behavior Intervention Plan. These activities could include conversations with the school counselor or tests for special education.

How do I get PBIS in my child's school?

- Check to see if your child's school is using PBIS. Enter your school name on the Georgia Department of Education's School Climate Dashboard at www.georgiainsights.com/school-climate-overview.html.
- If you are not at a PBIS school, talk with the principal and ask them to learn about PBIS.
- Learn more in our [School Climate](#) guide.

