



Marshall County Schools

Educating Kids - Building Communities

Marshall County Schools District Leadership Team
Whole School Approach to PBIS

We are excited to share how Marshall County Schools has successfully implemented Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS) across our district. Today, we'll highlight the key programs that drive our success:

- Insights to Behavior
- PBIS Rewards
- Behavior Essentials Visualized

Discover the elements and strategies that have shaped our effective PBIS system and learn how these tools can make a difference in your schools!

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Part 1



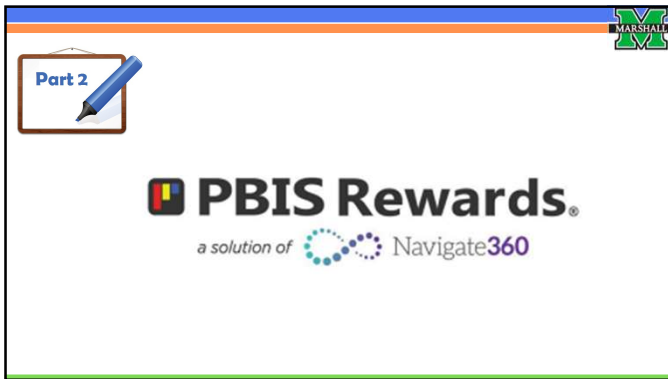
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TO BEHAVIOR**
YOUR PARTNER IN BEHAVIOR

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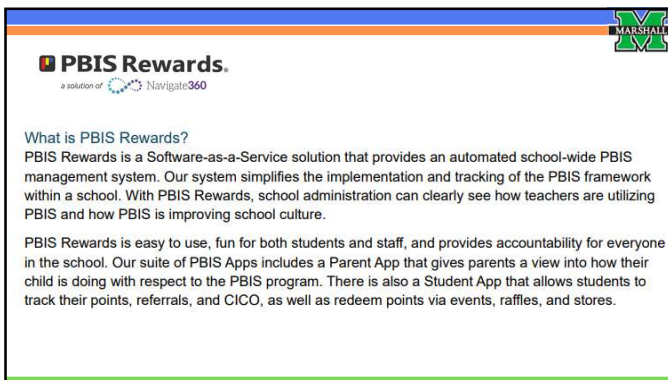


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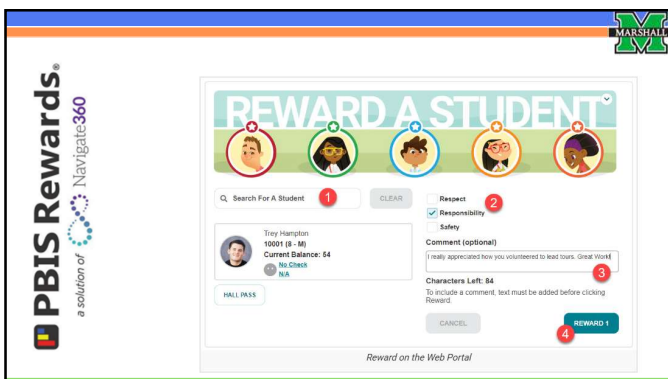
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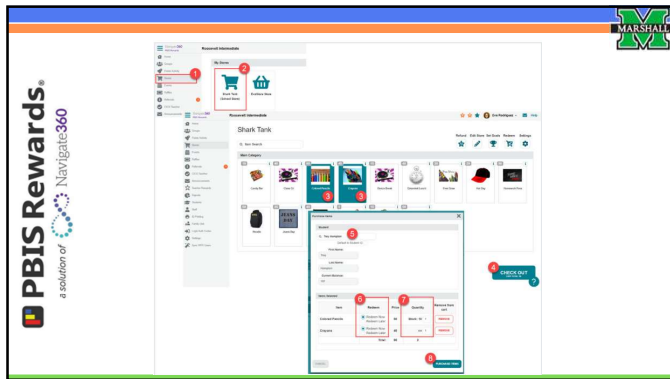
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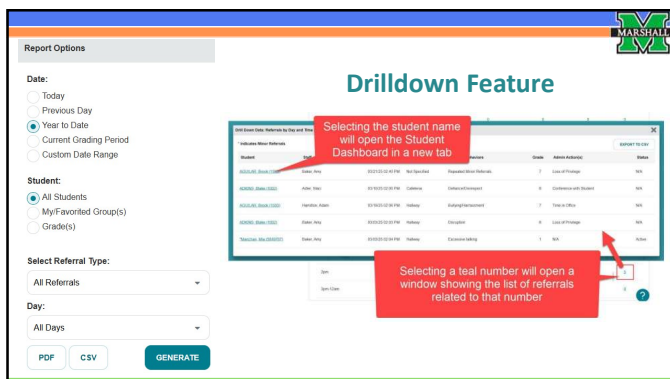
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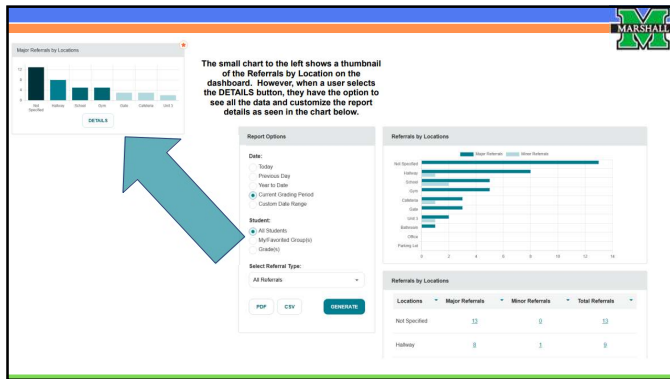
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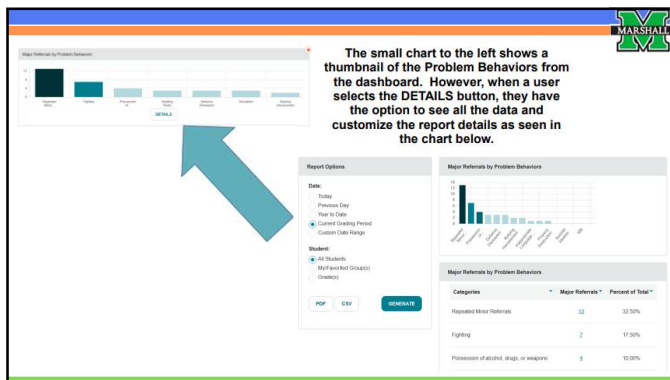
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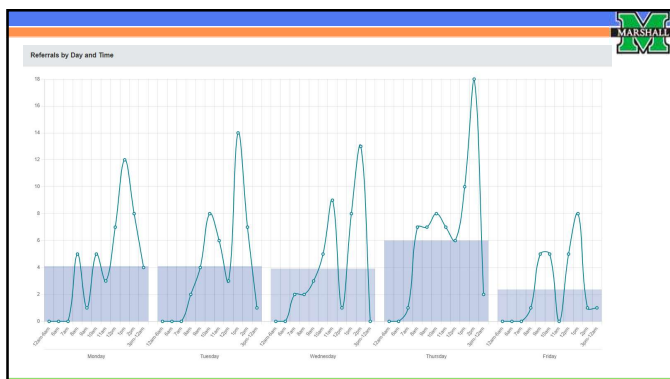
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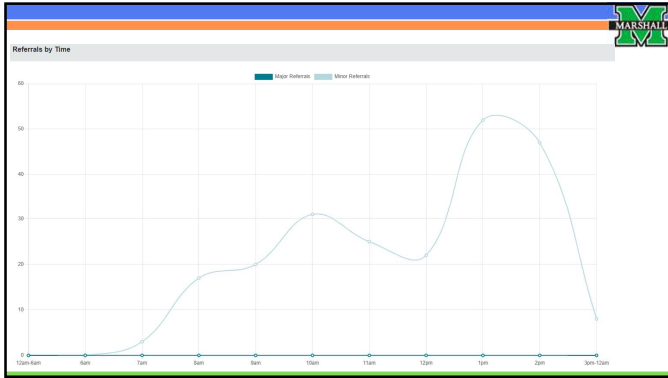
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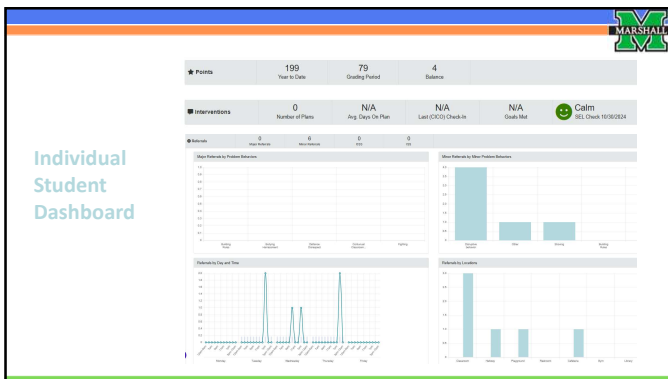
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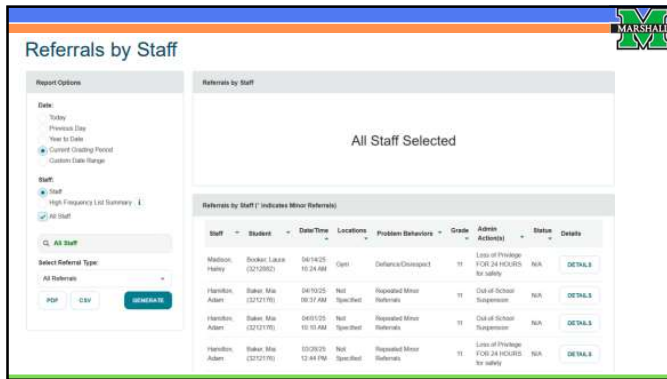
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Student	Staff	Date/Time	Locations	Problem Behaviors	Grade	Admin Action(s)	Status	Details
Letman, Nathan		08/23/24 10:38 AM	Classroom	Not following directions	4	NR	Active	DETAILS
Cartmerry, Kade		08/23/24 01:04 PM	Playground	Shoving	4	NR	Active	DETAILS
Letman, Nathan		08/26/24 11:38 AM	Classroom	Disruptive behavior	4	NR	Active	DETAILS

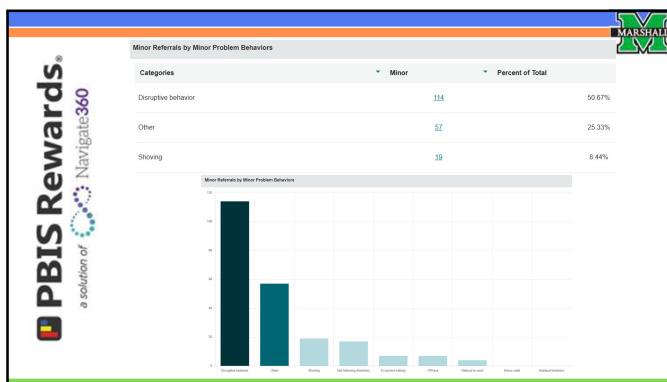
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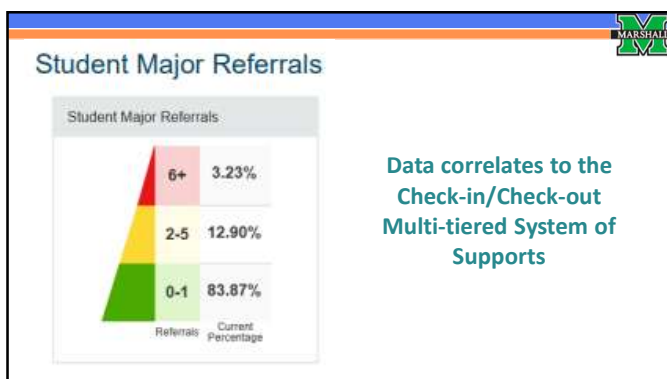
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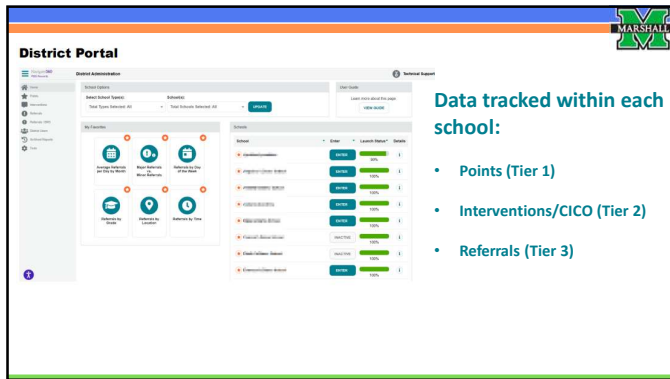
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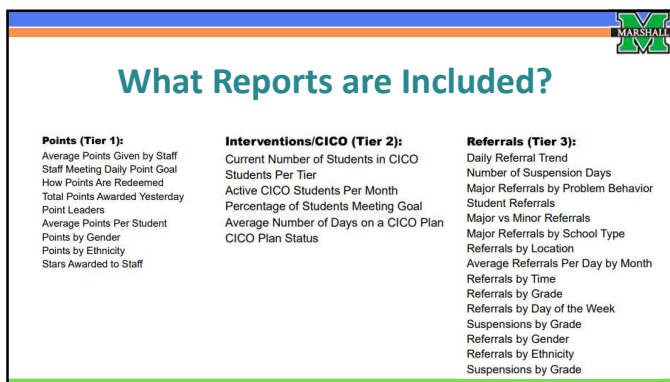
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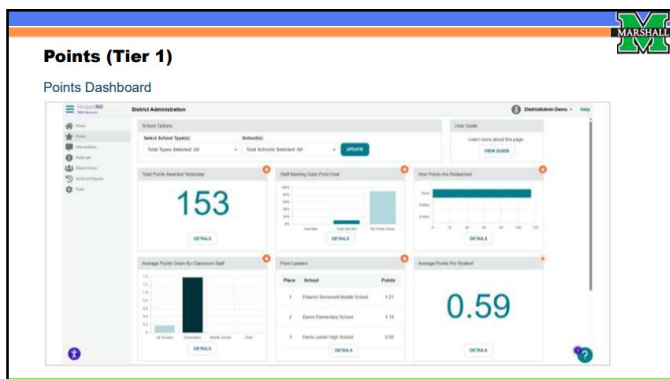
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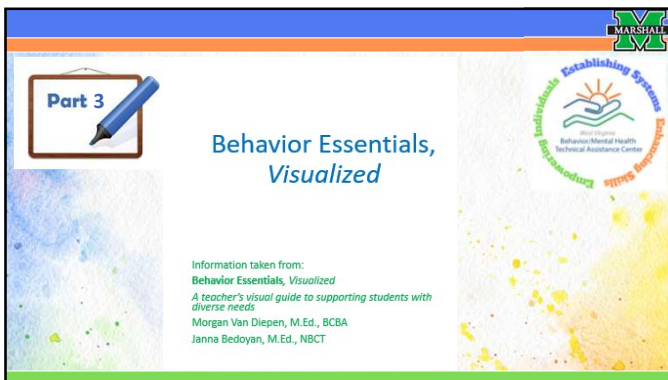


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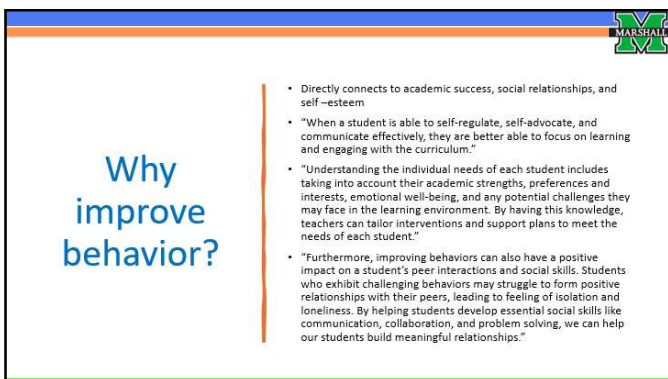
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"An autistic child becomes an autistic adult. When they're in school, they should be provided resources and support to help the autistic child thrive as an adult" ~ Alex Baughns

House

By: Alex Baughns


Your parents give you the building blocks

Your teachers give you the cement to build it up

The people you surround it with are your neighbors

When this is set up, you can decorate your house and live beautifully

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Classroom Management vs. Behavior Management


Classroom Management

- Includes classwide behavior strategies
- Promotes active engagement
- Focuses on the overall environment
- Emphasizes creating a conducive learning space
- Considers seating arrangements
- Differentiated instructional strategies
- Involves establishing expectations
- Set the tone and culture of a classroom
- Promotes participation & academic achievement
- Organization of the classroom
- Routines clearly established

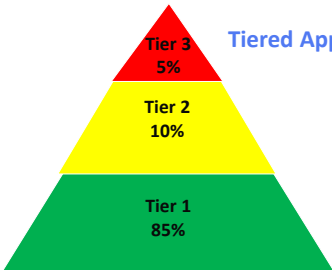
Behavior Management

- Individualized strategies based on student-specific needs
- Focuses on reinforcing positive behavior
- Targets specific student behaviors
- May include a Behavior Intervention Plan
- May include behavior service minutes to support instruction and behavior management
- Addresses disruptive or challenging behaviors
- Prioritizes preventative and skill-building strategies
- May include a goal to reduce certain behaviors
- May include a skill-building goal

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Tiered Approach to Student Support



Tier 3
5%

Tier 2
10%

Tier 1
85%

Tier 3: Individualized
Services and strategies for individual students who need more specific support

Tier 2: Targeted
Small group services and strategies for students who need support in targeted areas

Tier 1: Universal
School and classroom-wide strategies for all students

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This is a sample of how an autistic person could fill in their own color wheel, reflecting on areas of their life that they feel are impacted the most.

1. No impact on my quality of life
2. Occasional but minimal impact
3. Sometimes, but easy to manage
4. Regularly interferes
5. Significantly affects my daily functioning and overall well-being

"We all come in all shapes and hues. This is art."
~ Alex Baughns

An Autism Spectrum Color Wheel

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7 Neurodiversity-Affirming Practices

1. Utilize a Strength-Based Approach

Instead of saying this	Use this strength-based language
Rigid	Passionate, dedicated, and persistent
Restricted interest	Knowledgeable and curious about
Off in their own world or space-cadet	Imaginative and creative
Weird or nerdy	Fascinating, eccentric, and individualistic
Stimming or hyperactive	Animated

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7 Neurodiversity-Affirming Practices (cont.)

2. Presume Confidence
3. Accommodate Diverse Needs
4. Foster an Accepting Classroom Culture
5. Use Inclusive Instructions
6. Embody a Relationship-First Approach
7. Prioritize Emotional Regulation


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Happy, Relaxed, and Engaged

Dr. Greg Hanley emphasizes that individuals with Autism learn best when they feel joy.

- Happy
- Relaxed
- Engaged

How can we promote this?






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Trauma Informed Approach


“A trauma-informed approach to supporting students entails recognizing the widespread impact of trauma, integrating this understanding into all areas of student support, and prioritizing safety, trustworthiness, choice, collaboration, and empowerment.”



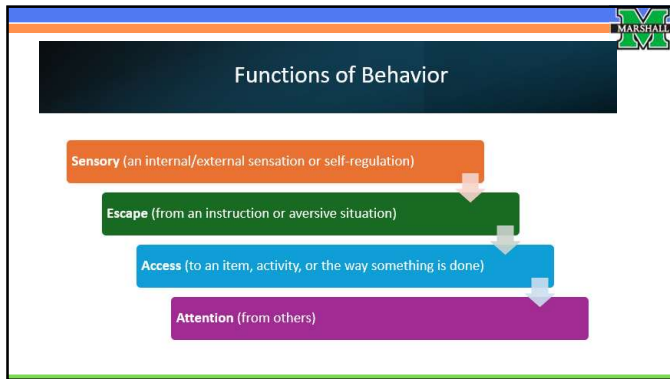
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Trauma-Informed Support Plan Brainstorming

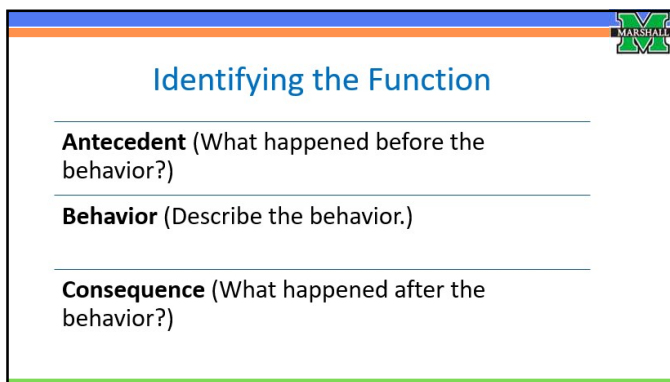
Questions to ask	Support plan ideas
What are situations or activities that trigger the student?	How to change the situation or activity to make the student feel more safe and calm:
What are the actions of staff that trigger the student?	How staff can avoid or limit these actions:
What is in the student's environment at school that may feel triggering to them?	How can we adjust the classroom environment to make the student feel more safe and calm:
What necessary interactions, situations, or instructions are triggering to the student?	How can we adjust these to be less triggering? How can we support the student with coping strategies during this time:



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Try these strategies to help with transitions

- Providing Choices
- 3 Reward Options
- Token Boards
- Range of Rewards
- Priming
- Visual Schedule
- Self-Regulation
- Firm, but Flexible
- Pause, Redirect, Reward


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Rethinking Behavior Intervention Plans

Barriers Impacting Effective BIPs

- Effective Training
- Technical Jargon
- Time
- Traditional Teaching Methods



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Teaching with Text- the traditional way

Research has shown:

- Low understanding
- Low acceptance
- Low engagement
- Low accessibility
- Low confidence
- Low collaboration
- Low accuracy
- Difficult to remember

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Teaching with Images- innovative approach

Research has shown:

- Better understanding
- More preferred
- More engagement
- More accessible for diverse needs
- Increased confidence
- Better collaboration
- Higher accuracy
- Better retention

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Building Motivation

Tips for building meaningful rewards

- Rewards should be motivating
- Recognition should be immediate
- Reward should match effort
- Provide choices of rewards
- Make rewards special
- Build intrinsic motivation

Strategies- pages101-123

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Preventing Challenging Behaviors

pages125-143


"The more we can avert, the less we have to oversee!"

Strategic Suggestions for typical triggers:

- **Transitions:** Priming, Simple, Simple, Challenging, and Visual Timetable
- **Accepting "no":** A More Constructive Way to express "No"
- **Introducing academic tasks:** Simple, Simple, Challenging, Class Pass, and Scheduled Breaks

*Power Card Approach


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Strategy recommendations to try first:

- Classroom Set Up
- Building Rapport
- Providing Choices
- Priming


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Strategy Recommendations for a Classwide Approach:

- Classroom Set- up
- Priming
- Easy, Easy, Hard
- Visual Schedule
- Scheduled Breaks

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Teaching New Skills
pages 145- 175

"Teaching is proactive and should happen when students are happy, relaxed, and engaged. Supporting is how we respond, reminding and helping them do the new skill."

<p><i>How do we teach?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modeling • Shaping • Fading • Breaking Down Skills • Choice Mapping 	<p><i>What do we teach?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication • Self-regulation • Executive Functioning
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Visual Strategies that Teach Communication Skills:

- Introducing Communication
- Teaching to Request
- Building Better Behaviors
- Self-Advocacy


Classwide Strategies that Promote and Normalize Self-Regulation:

- Calm Down Corners
- Sensory Activities
- Identifying Emotions Visuals
- Coping Skills Visuals

Visual Strategies and Tools that Teach Self-Regulation Skills:

- Self-Regulation
- Calming tools Visual Poster
- 5-4-3-2-1 Calming Poster
- Sensory-Supportive Environment Template

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Once students demonstrate effective communication and self-regulation, we can introduce, teach, and reinforce Executive Functioning skills.

Inhibitory Control

Shift

Emotional Control

Working Memory

Plan and Organize


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Executive Functioning -try this to teach!

1. **Inhibitory Control** – “stop and go” games
2. **Shift**- integrate engaging activities that require students to switch their focus between different tasks/materials...practice shifting attention between visual, auditory, and kinesthetic cues (ex. scavenger hunts)
3. **Emotional Control**- providing tools for self-soothing, helping students to learn to shift their focus away from negative triggers, and setting goals to help them stay on track. Some students may need additional support to help them learn how to manage emotions effectively through co-regulation until they have developed independent self-regulation skills.
4. **Working Memory**- First/Then (mini-sequence)
5. **Plan and Organize**- break tasks into smaller steps, create a checklist or time-line to track progress. Celebrate each completed step!

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Responding to Challenging Behaviors


pages 177-197

"We should be teaching our students what to do, not what not to do."

"Adopting a compassionate, trauma-informed approach to supporting students places a focus on teaching new skills and recognizing positive behaviors rather than resorting to punitive measures."

- Punishment vs. Not Earning a Reward
- Avoiding vs. Preventing

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Choosing a response strategy:


- *Consider the intensity* of the behavior.
- *Involve the student* in making decisions about how they would like to be supported in these moments.

Low Intensity vs. High Intensity behaviors

"A dysregulated adult cannot regulate a dysregulated child."

~ Bruce D. Perry

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Let's use what we've learned!! 😊

Page 200 of Behavior Essentials, Visualized has a bar code to scan which includes Templates and Tools. Your packet contains a printout of the materials from the bar code.

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