

# Classwide PBIS: Overview of Critical Features

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## 1. Maximize structure in your classroom.

- Develop **predictable routines**
  - **Teacher routines**
  - **Student routines**
- **Design environment** to (a) elicit appropriate behavior and (b) minimize crowding and distraction:
  - Arrange **furniture** to allow easy traffic flow.
  - Ensure adequate **supervision** of all areas.
  - Designate staff & student **areas**.
  - **Seating** arrangements (groups, carpet, etc.)

## 2. Post, teach, monitor, review, and reinforce a small number of positively stated expectations.

Establish

### Behavioral expectations/Rules

- A small number (i.e., 3-5) of *positively* stated rules. **Tell students what we want them to do, rather than telling them what we do not want them to do.**
  - Publicly **post** the rules.
  - Should match SW Expectations
- **Operationally define** what the rules look like across all the routines and settings in your school.
  - One way to do this is in a **matrix** format.
  - This matrix should compliment your school-wide matrix, but be specific to your classroom setting.

Rules within Routines Matrix

Routines	Entering Classroom	Seat Work	Small Group Activity	Leaving Classroom
Rules				
Respect				
Responsibility				
Safety				

Teach

### rules in the context of routines

- Teach expectations directly.
  - Define rule in operational terms—tell students what the rule looks like within routine.
  - Provide students with examples and non-examples of rule-following within routine.
- Actively involve students in lesson—game, role-play, etc. to check for their understanding.
- Provide opportunities to practice rule following behavior in the natural setting.

Prompt

### or remind students of the rule

- Provide students with **visual prompts** (e.g., posters, illustrations, etc).
- Use **pre-corrections**, which include “verbal reminders, behavioral rehearsals, or demonstrations of rule-following or socially appropriate behaviors that are presented in or before settings where problem behavior is likely” (Colvin, Sugai, Good, Lee, 1997).

Social Skill Lesson Plan	
Lesson Focus:	
Demonstrating _____ (expectation) in the _____ (setting).	
Teaching Objective:	
Following instruction, students will demonstrate _____ (expectation) in the _____ (setting) by _____ (describe behaviors) across _____ out of _____ sampled opportunities (criteria).	
Teaching Examples:	
Positive Examples:	Negative Examples:
•	•
•	•
•	•
Lesson Materials:	
Lesson Activities:	
Model:	
Lead:	
Test:	
Follow-up Activities:	
Strategies to prompt:	
Procedures to reinforce:	
Procedures to correct behavioral errors:	
Procedures to monitor/supervise:	
Procedures to collect and evaluate student data:	

Monitor

## students' behavior in natural context

- Active Supervision (Colvin, Sugai, Good, Lee, 1997):
  - **Move** around
  - Look around (**Scan**)
  - **Interact** with students
    - Reinforce
    - Correct



Evaluate

## the effect of instruction

- Collect data
  - Are rules being followed?
  - If there are errors,
    - **who** is making them?
    - **where** are the errors occurring?
    - **what** kind of errors are being made?
- Summarize data (look for patterns)
- Use data to make decisions

### 3. Actively engage students in observable ways.

- Provide high rates of opportunities to respond
- Consider various observable ways to engage students
- Link engagement with outcome objectives
- Range of evidence based practices that promote active engagement
  - Direct Instruction
  - Computer Assisted Instruction
  - Class-wide Peer Tutoring
  - Guided notes
  - Response Cards

### 4. Establish a continuum of strategies to acknowledge appropriate behavior.

- Specific and Contingent Praise
- Group Contingencies
- Behavior Contracts
- Token Economies

### 5. Establish a continuum of strategies to respond to inappropriate behavior.

- Error Corrections
- Differential Reinforcement
- Planned ignoring
- Response Cost
- Time out from reinforcement

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Positive Behavior Support

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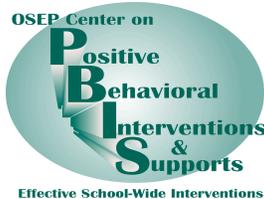
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## Classroom Management: Self-Assessment<sup>2</sup>

Teacher _____		Rater _____		Date _____	
Instructional Activity				Time Start _____	
				Time End _____	
Tally each Positive Student Contacts		Total #	Tally each Negative Student Contacts		Total #
Ratio <sup>3</sup> of Positives to Negatives: _____ to 1					

Classroom Management Practice	Rating
1. I have arranged my classroom to <b>minimize crowding and distraction</b>	Yes No
2. I have <b>maximized structure and predictability</b> in my classroom (e.g., explicit classroom routines, specific directions, etc.).	Yes No
3. I have posted, taught, reviewed, and reinforced 3-5 <b>positively stated expectations</b> (or rules).	Yes No
4. I provided <b>more frequent acknowledgement</b> for appropriate behaviors than inappropriate behaviors (See top of page).	Yes No
5. I provided each student with <b>multiple opportunities to respond</b> and participate during instruction.	Yes No
6. My instruction <b>actively engaged</b> students in observable ways (e.g., writing, verbalizing)	Yes No
7. I <b>actively supervised</b> my classroom (e.g., moving, scanning) during instruction.	Yes No
8. I <b>ignored</b> or provided <b>quick, direct, explicit reprimands/redirections</b> in response to inappropriate behavior.	Yes No
9. I have <b>multiple strategies/systems</b> in place to <b>acknowledge</b> appropriate behavior (e.g., class point systems, praise, etc.).	Yes No
10. In general, I have provided <b>specific feedback</b> in response to social and academic behavior errors and correct responses.	Yes No
<p>Overall classroom management score:</p> <p>10-8 "yes" = <b>"Super"</b></p> <p>7-5 "yes" = <b>"So-So"</b></p> <p>&lt;5 "yes" = <b>"Improvement Needed"</b></p>	
	# Yes _____

<sup>2</sup> Revised from Sugai & Colvin

<sup>3</sup> To calculate, divide # positives by # of negatives.

### Action Planning

The purposes of this assessment are to (a) determine the extent to which effective general classroom management practices are in place and (b) develop an action plan for enhancement/maintenance based on this information. This assessment and action plan can be completed as a “self-assessment” or by an observer.

1. Pick a teacher-led/directed activity that has a specific learning outcome/objective.
2. During the activity, count number of positive and negative student contacts that occur during the activity.
3. After the activity,
  - a. Sum the number of positive and negative contacts and calculate the ratio of positive to negative contacts.
  - b. Assess whether each classroom management practice was evident.
  - c. Sum the number of “yes” to determine overall classroom management score.
  - d. Based on your score, develop an action plan for enhancement/maintenance.

Action Plan		
#	Current Level of Performance	Enhancement/Maintenance Strategies <sup>4</sup>

See full list of references in:

Simonsen, B., Fairbanks, S., Briesch, A., Myers, D., & Sugai, G. (2008). Evidence based practices in classroom management: Considerations for research to practice. *Education and Treatment of Children, 31*, 351-380.

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<sup>4</sup> What? When? How? By When?