

Things you can do to help your child make positive choices

- Ask your child about his or her day at school every day.
- Provide a quiet space and time to complete their homework, and then check it everyday,
- Check their agenda book regularly.
- Keep in touch with your child's teachers.
- Encourage your child to use appropriate language and tone.
- Practice positive phrases with your child such as "Thank you", and "Please".
- Model and discuss appropriate behaviors at school and home.



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Respectful, Accountable, Positive People Earning Rewards (RAPPERS)

What is Positive Behavior Intervention and Support in Schools (PBSIS)?

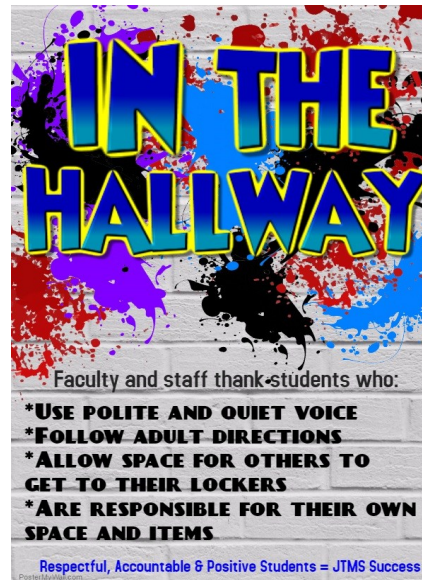
During the 2011-2012 school year, we partnered with the Positive Behavior support in Schools (PBSIS) Initiative to learn strategies for how we can make Jefferson Township Middle School even better for our students. PBSIS is a collaboration between the New Jersey Department of Education, Office of Special Education and the Boggs Center at UMDNJ.

For the 2012-2017 school years we implemented PBSIS based on the data we have gathered the previous year. We clarified our expectations for the students for various areas in the school, and set up an incentive program for students who meet our expectations. We have distributed over a thousand incentives to students who meet our behavioral expectations.

Now in 2017-2018 we continue to reward students who meet our expectations. Our focus this year is on kindness. Kindness means being friendly, generous or considerate to ourselves and others through our words and actions.

Respectful, Accountable, and Positive Learning how to respect others, be responsible for your actions and resolve conflict are important skills for our students to learn. As a result, we have created a common language that everyone can use when talking to students about expected social behaviors at school. This will help us to reach our goal of being more consistent in what we expect of students and how we talk to them about social behaviors.

This is an example of a poster that explains to students what is expected of them in the hallway. Posters like this one are on display throughout the building reminding students of what is expected:



Celebrating Our Students

When students are 'caught doing the right thing' staff will provide them with a praise and a rapper. Students can enter their rappers into weekly raffles to win prizes. Most importantly though, rappers are our way of saying 'Great job!' and encouraging students to continue making good choices.



PBSIS Events at JTMS

- "March Madness": turn in rappers for guaranteed prizes.
- May: "Spring Fling" in which students and staff participate in team building fun activities.