

PBIS News

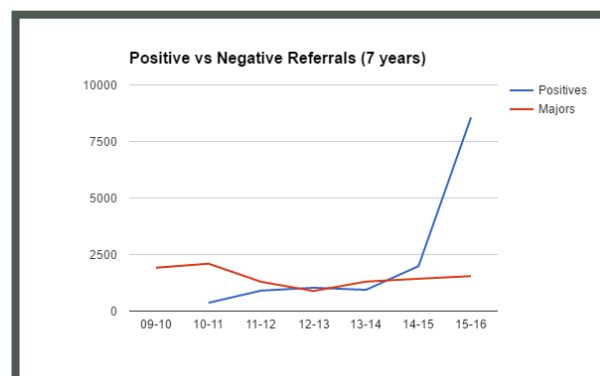
WHAT IS PBIS?

The 2016-2017 school year is in full swing at LCHS! Hopefully, your student has shared some information about their classes, teachers, and friends they've made. One thing that they have surely heard a lot about is PBIS. PBIS stands for Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports and it is a data driven program that we use at Lewis Central to reinforce the positive behaviors of our students. At Lewis Central, we focus on teaching and reinforcing behaviors that show Respect, Responsibility, and Initiative. When students are caught showing Respect, Responsibility or Initiative, they can be rewarded with positive behavior tickets from teachers and staff. We have an acknowledgement system at the high school that allows students to purchase a variety of items with these tickets; such as, Snack Shack coupons, Lewis Central gear, and school dance tickets, to name a few. We also have a weekly raffle they can be entered into, and this year we will be adding a supply and snack cart during lunch. Ask your student(s) more about PBIS and how they plan to use Respect, Responsibility and Initiative to help them be successful this year.

WE TEACH
OUR
STUDENTS
HOW TO
BEHAVE
BY WHAT
WE
ALLOW,
WHAT WE
STOP,
WHAT WE
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AND WHAT
WE
REINFORCE.

What Does the Data Say?

We have been using PBIS at the high school for seven years now, and we have seen the impact of positive reinforcement throughout those seven years. The chart below shows how negative referrals have decreased every time we see an increase in positive referrals.



Attendance Awareness Month



September is Attendance Awareness Month! According to the National Center for Education Statistics, students who have good school attendance achieve higher academic success than those with poor attendance habits. Attendance is crucial for success in high school, and at Lewis Central, we are working hard to ensure that students are in school, in every class, on time, every day. Please join us in encouraging your student to be responsible, and take the initiative to get to school each day.

We understand that some student absences are inevitable. Please use the following tips to help your student in the event that they have to be absent from school:

- Call the attendance office at 712-366-8244 and leave a message notifying staff of your student's absence
- If you know of your student's absence in advance, have them get their assignments and pre-arrange the absence ahead of time.
- Many teachers at LCHS have websites and/or google classrooms. Have your student check these sites to find out what they have missed.
- Students will have one day for every day missed to make up a missing assignment. Encourage your student to get missed work completed as soon as possible so that they don't fall farther behind.
- Remember, it is the responsibility of your student to find out what they missed while absent and speak to their teachers about getting caught up.

Questions?

Visit PBISWorld.com to learn more about this awesome program, or contact Brittany Vinchattle at bvinchattle@lewiscentral.org for more information about PBIS at LCHS.