PBIS is a national and international initiative that is currently being implemented in over 10,000 schools. A national center for PBS is supported through the U.S. Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) and is recognized as an IDEA that Works. The Missouri initiative is actively supported through the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) Division of Effective Practices. Regional SW-PBS consultants may be contacted through the information provided under the Personnel Directory on this website, or through the local RPDC in your area.

The following principles are used to guide decisions and actions when implementing PBIS:

1. Establish school discipline as an instrument for academic and behavior success.

2. Consider and implement school-wide practices and systems for all students, all staff, and all settings.

3. Emphasize prevention.

4. Utilize research-validated practices, interventions and strategies.

5. Integrate initiatives, programs, and interventions that have common outcomes.

6. Build and sustain a continuum of behavior support.

7. Coordinate efforts with a school-wide leadership team.

8. Use data to guide decision making.

9. Make decisions that are linked to important and measurable outcomes.

10. Evaluate continuously.

11. Emphasize an instructional approach to behavior management.

12. Adapt products, activities, actions, etc. to align with cultural and demographic characteristics of the local community.