

Los Angeles Unified School District

School Culture, Climate, and Safety Task Force Meeting

Beaudry Building - Board Room Thursday, December 12, 2024 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

or

<u>Zoom</u>

Meeting ID: 813 3089 2726 Passcode: 685554

Ι. Welcome Elsy Rosado, Administrator, SSAS Attendance and Check-in Paul Gonzales, Specialist, SSAS Ш. Paul Gonzales, Specialist, SSAS III. Approval of Minutes • October 2, 2024 IV. Ten Years of the School Climate Bill Andrew Thomas, Ph.D., Director, Independent of Rights in L.A. Unified: Where are we? Analysis Unit, Board of Education Survey of School Leaders and Megan Besecker, Lead Analyst, Independent Teachers Analysis Unit, Board of Education V. Creating an Inclusive Positive School Felipe Barragán, Principal Culture and Climate Christina Kontolefas, Assistant Principal • Bell High School Keilah Gomez, Psychologist Noel Zamorano, School Climate Advocate Angelina Martinez, Restorative Justice Teacher Tiered Fidelity Inventory (TFI), Fall 2024 VI. Laura Zeff, Administrative Coordinator, SSAS Paul Gonzales, Specialist, SSAS VII. Public Comments Paul Gonzales, Specialist SSAS Five Speakers (two minutes each) VIII. Adjournment Laura Zeff, Administrative Coordinator, SSAS

Next Meeting Tuesday, February 25, 2025



Distrito Unificado de Los Angeles

Reunión del grupo de trabajo sobre cultura, clima y seguridad escolar

Edificio Beaudry - Sala de la Junta de Educación jueves, 12 de diciembre del 2024 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

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Bienvenida Ι. Esly Rosado, Administradora. SSAS ΙΙ. Asistencia y registro emocional Paul Gonzales, Especialista, SSAS Paul Gonzales, Especialista, SSAS III. Aprobación de actas 2 de octubre del 2024 Diez años de la Declaración de Derechos Thomas, Ph.D., Director, Unidad de Análisis IV. del Clima Escolar en el Distrito Escolar Independiente, Junta de Educación Unificado de Los Ángeles: ¿Dónde Megan Besecker, Analista líder, Unidad de estamos? Encuesta a líderes escolares Análisis independiente, Junta de Educación y maestros Creando una Cultura y Clima Escolar V. Felipe Barragán, Director Positivo e Inclusivo Christina Kontolefas, Subdirectora **Bell High School** Keilah Gomez, Psicóloga Noel Zamorano, Defensor del Clima Escolar Angelina Martinez, Maestra de Justicia Restaurativa VI. Datos del Inventario de Fidelidad Laura Zeff, Coordinador Administrativo, SSAS por Niveles (TFI), otoño 2024 Paul Gonzales, Especialista, SSAS VII. Comentarios públicos Paul Gonzales, Especialista, SSAS Cinco oradores (dos minutos) VIII. Clausura Laura Zeff, Coordinador Administrativo, SSAS

> Próxima Junta martes 25 de febrero del 2025



Los Angeles Unified School District School Culture, Climate, and Safety Task Force Meeting Minutes October 2, 2024

Opening

Laura Zeff, Administrative Coordinator, called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m. Ms. Zeff welcomed everyone and introduced Andrés E. Chait, Chief of School Operations, Division of School Operations. Mr. Chait welcomed everyone and explained the difference between a Task Force Meeting and other meetings such as a Public Town Hall Meeting or Coffee with the Principal. Mr. Chait addressed a previous concern regarding why the District prioritizes Tier 1 supports instead of moving to Tier 2. Mr. Chait emphasized the importance of establishing strong Tier 1 systems at school sites that support all students' behaviors before progressing to Tier 2 interventions. Allan Kakassy asked Mr. Chait about the Integrated Safe Schools Plan and if Board Members would be informed about schools that had not submitted their school's plan. Mr. Chait responded to the question. Mr. Chait handed the meeting over to Laura Zeff and Paul Gonzales.

Welcome

Mr. Gonzales reminded attendees to sign in and initiated a check-in activity. Time was provided for attendees to participate in the activity and share a few responses. Mr. Gonzales asked everyone to review the April 17, 2024, meeting minutes. Allan Kakasky made the first motion to accept the April 17, 2024, meeting minutes. Emmanuel Solis made the second motion. All members were in favor. No abstentions. Mr. Kakassy recommended a more effective way to inform families of all upcoming meetings, possibly on the District website. Mr. Gonzales turned the meeting over to Ms. Zeff.

2023-24 PBIS/RP Highlights

Ms. Zeff proceeded with the 2023-24 Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports/Restorative Practices (PBIS/RP) highlights presentation. She shared the number of professional development (PD)/workshops offered to school staff and families and briefly explained what each PD offers. The feedback from the PD opportunities was also shared. Juan Magandi made a comment suggesting that the content provided should be tailored to meet the demographic and cultural needs of the District. An additional comment suggested offering parent workshops to learn about other cultures to unite each other rather than separate them. Another guest brought up that there is not enough Hispanic parent representation. Mr. Gonzales responded to the comment.

2023-24 Tiered Fidelity Inventory Data (TFI)

Ms. Zeff continued the presentations by congratulating the 163 schools that received recognition from California Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (CAPBIS). She explained that the recognition system acknowledges schools for implementing PBIS with fidelity. She further shared the criteria schools had to complete to receive the recognition. The school names were shared by the level of recognition they received (bronze, silver, gold, platinum). Ms. Zeff asked attendees to share ideas and strategies at their table about how we can help increase the number of schools that apply and receive recognition next year. Ms. Zeff and Mr. Gonzales summarized some of the discussions that occurred, which included bringing more student voice, more parent involvement, and sharing of best practices from schools that received gold and silver recognition.

2023-24 Suspension Data

Ms. Zeff provided a brief 20-year background on suspension data. She went on to further discuss the 2023-24 data on the subsequent slides and provided a brief explanation of each of the three suspension categories. Ms. Zeff asked attendees to process and share their thoughts with those around them. Ms. Zeff asked if there were any questions or comments. Emmanuel Solis asked how the District can begin to inform families, staff, and students about the law and the suspension categories. Julija Zubac commended the District for prioritizing tier 1 supports and the work that has been done. She followed up by asking about the tier 2 and tier 3 supports available for newly hired deans and RJ teachers to build their capacity. Ms. Zeff and Mr. Gonzales provided a response and Jose Avila added to the response. A question was made regarding the procedure when there is a

fight on campus. Mr. Gonzales directed the question to Marcelino Diaz, Region South Operations. Mr. Diaz provided a clear, detailed explanation of the process. Laura then proceeded to public comments.

Public Comment

<u>Allan Kakassy</u> – Mr. Kakassy commented that parents are asking for transparency about how the District is moving towards promoting safe schools. He also shared that the Task Force Meeting agendas, dates and information should be posted somewhere on the District's website so parents have easier access to them. He shared his opinion on the safety situation on LAUSD campuses and it upsets him that schools do not allow Police Officers on their campus.

<u>Maria Luisa Palma</u> – Ms. Palma commented that the Task Force Meeting agendas, dates and information should be posted somewhere on the District's website so parents have easier access to them. Ms. Palma commented that many parents are not aware of PBIS committees at school sites. She shared that she would like more "factual" information at upcoming meetings.

<u>Enlinda Morita</u> - Ms. Morita commented on school security regarding drugs and violence on campus. She shared concerns about a recent lockdown that happened at an LAUSD campus and added concerns about drugs and violence outside the school communities. She shared her opinion on wanting school police back or near campuses and wants LAUSD to act on this, as she does not see any proof yet.

<u>Juan Magandi</u> – Mr. Magandi commented on the challenges facing the Latino population within LAUSD. He shared the concept of tokenism, explaining its definition, and discussed how it can destroy the academic integrity on campuses. He shared the need for school staff to have a deeper understanding of the community's issues and challenges, rather than relying solely on perspectives from privileged university graduates.

<u>Maria Ortiz</u> – Ms. Ortiz commented on lower crime rates in LAUSD. She wants to see this as a priority, so children become better students. She shared that parents want to be part of the school community, but are often ignored. She also wants Administrators to stop treating students as criminals, but as children who need help.

Closing

Paul Gonzales facilitated one last group activity before asking for a motion to close the meeting. Howard Yao made the first motion to close the meeting. Allan Kakassy seconded the motion. All members were in favor. No abstentions. The meeting was called at 5:29 pm.



Welcome

School Culture, Climate and Safety Task Force



December 12, 2024

Welcome











What is your favorite TV show and why?

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Priorities

Each pillar and priority work together in a coherent system to provide an exceptional education program to ensure all students graduate ready for the world.

Discipline Foundation Policy



Multi-Tiered Systems of Support for Behavior and Social-Emotional Well-Being using Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports/Restorative Practices (PBIS/RP)

TITLE:	Discipline Foundation Policy: Multi- Tiered Systems of Support for Behavior and Social-Emotional Well-Being using Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports/Restorative Practices (PBIS/RP)	ROUTING All Schools Local District Administrators Community of Schools Administrators
NUMBER:	BUL-133307	Affiliated Charter Schools
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DATE:	Equity and Access November 21, 2022	

environment through the adoption and implementation of a consistent traumariesilience-informed Multi-Thered Systems of Support (MTSS) framework. Los Angeles Unified is committed to providing an appropriate, meaningful educational program that builds upon the strengths of and meets the needs of ALL students, including but not limited to English Learners, stundard English Learners, students with disabilities (SWD), students in foster care and/or experiencing homelessness, students who are socio-economically disadvantaged, and students participating in gifted and talented education (GATE).

All students must be taught and supported in learning the skills necessary to enhance a positive school climate, engage in learning, and demonstrate responsibility for themacives and respect for others. This is accomplished through the implementation of a multi-tiered system of Positive Behavior Instructurentions and Supports and Restorative Practices (PBIS/RP), which prioritizes wellness and nutrures the social-emotional development of the whele child, whole classroom, whole school, and whole community.

Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is a nationally recognized, evidence-based framework that provides an integrated

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November 21, 2022



PBIS/RP in LAUSD: Bright Spots and Challenges

Policy Brief from the Independent Analysis Unit's Report Ten Years of the School Climate Bill of Rights in L.A. Unified: Where are we?

> Dr. Andrew Thomas, IAU Director Megan Besecker, IAU Lead Analyst







- About the IAU's work on PBIS/RP
- Results
- What works
- Next steps and lessons learned
- Q&A

In May 2023, the Board authorized its Independent Analysis Unit (IAU) to evaluate PBIS/RP implementation.



Ten Years of the School Climate Bill of Rights in L.A. Unified: Where are we?

Survey of School Leaders and Teachers, Fall 2023

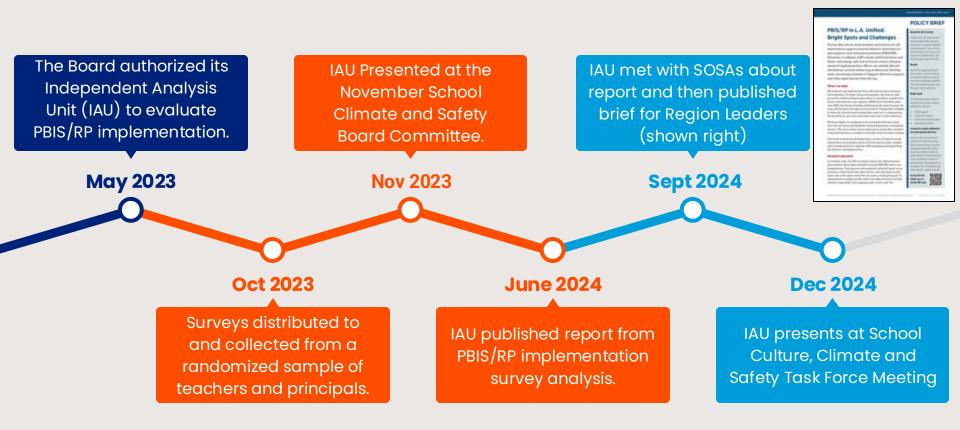
Independent Analysis Unit Board of Education for the Los Angeles Unified School District

June 2024

Megan Besecker Andrew Thomas, Ph. D.

About the IAU's Work: Timeline







Most SSAs and teachers supported restorative practices, but many expressed frustrations. Despite general support, **few teachers used these strategies regularly**. Most teachers and SSAs cited **lack of time as a challenge**.

Both SSAs and teachers reported **insufficient training**. Data suggests resistance from employees who were already employed when these practices became official policy.



SOSAs

SOSAs positively impact teachers' confidence and use of PBIS/RP.

Teachers who interacted with a System of Support Advisor (SOSA) had higher confidence, more positive views of student attitudes, and more frequent use of PBIS/RP for prevention and responding to discipline issues. They also reported greater proficiency in PBIS/RP.

School Support

Support from school leadership improves teachers' attitudes.

Teachers who felt supported by their school leadership had higher buy-in, confidence, and better perceptions of student attitudes towards RPs. They also reported greater proficiency in PBIS/RP.

PD

PD enhances teachers' buy-in, use of, and proficiency in PBIS/RP.

Attendees of PD on PBIS/RP in 2022-23 were more supportive, proficient, and reported more frequent use of PBIS/RP, compared to those who did not attend PD. School site administrators also reported improved teacher and student support with high levels of teacher training

Elementary

Data suggests elementary schools have stronger implementation.

Elementary school staff had higher buy-in and more positive perceptions of student attitudes compared to secondary school staff. They also used PBIS/RP more often.

Next Steps and Lessons Learned



- Teachers and school site administrators need clear expectations from the top.
- Amid competing demands, SOSAs are pivotal staff to bolster implementation.
- School site administrators are key, but they need support and accountability, especially in secondary schools.
- Ongoing, scaffolded training is essential to sustain implementation.
- Emphasis on practices that require the least effort to implement may foster greater support and use.

Closing



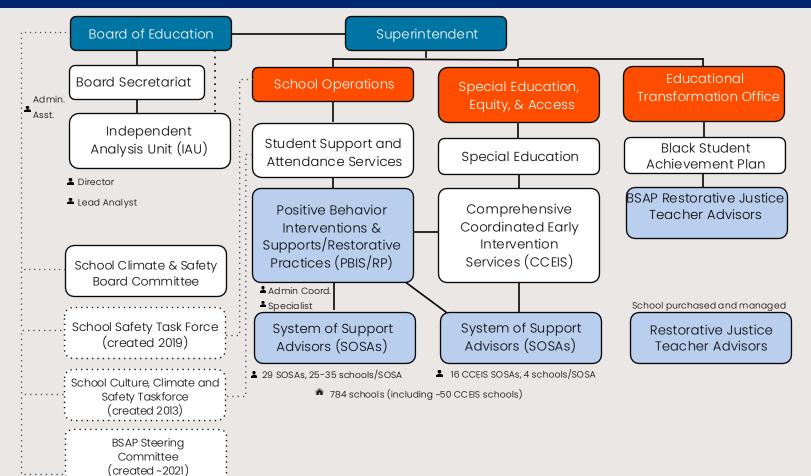
National PBIS/RP implementation context (what other districts are doing related to PBIS/RP)

LAUSD implementation context today

What the IAU is monitoring

Organization Chart







Questions?



Bell High School

Creating an Inclusive Positive School Culture and Climate

Felipe Barragán, Principal Christina Kontolefas, Assistant Principal Keilah Gomez, Psychologist Noel Zamorano, School Climate Advocate Angelina Martinez, Restorative Justice Teacher









PBIS/RP

Bell HS

Overview of Bell High School

- School Opened in 1925
- 2,105 Students Enrolled
- 3 Academies, 1 Magnet
- Demographics: 95 % Latino, 3% Arab, 2% Other
- Staffing: 129 Certificated, 76 Classified
- 94% Graduation Rate, Class of 2024
- 17% Reclassification Rate
- 91% (1905) Free and Reduced
- 12% (252) Students with Disabilities
- 7% (151) English Learners

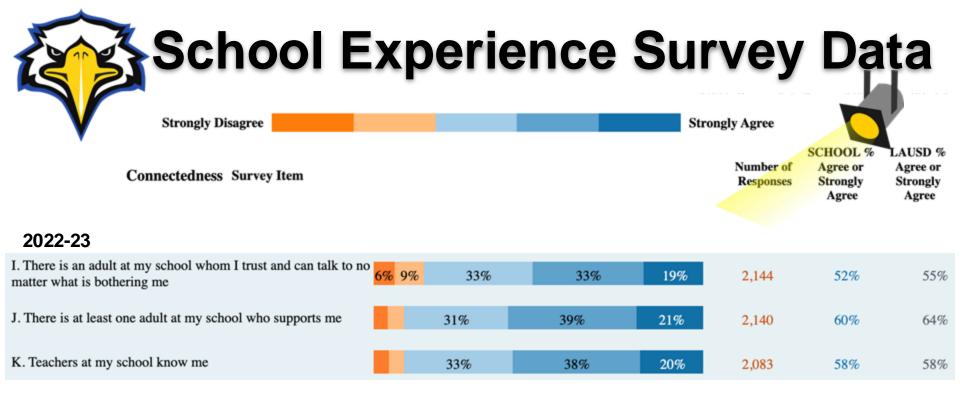


Graduation 2024 Highlights



Restorative Practices

Connection & Reflection



Students reported not feeling connected

Attendance Data



GRADE	2021-2022		2022-2023			2021-2022		2022-2023		
	Percent of Students 91% and Below (Chronic)	Number of Students at 91% and Below (Chronic)	Percent of Students 91% and Below (Chronic)	Number of Students at 91% and Below (Chronic)	Change in Percent of Students 91% and Below (Chronic)	Percent of Students at 96% and Above (Prof/Adv)	Number of Students at 96% and Above (Prof/Adv)	Percent of Students at 96% and Above (Prof/Adv)	Number of Students at 96% and Above (Prof/Adv)	Change in Percent of Students at 96% and Above (Prof/Adv)
09	29.5%	213	35.0%	241	5.5%	57.1%	412	48.0%	330	-9.1%
10	26.7%	161	35.6%	204	8.9%	58.5%	352	50.4%	289	-8.0%
11	25.0%	138	29.2%	151	4.3%	62.6%	346	50.3%	260	-12.3%
12	27.1%	143	29.1%	166	1.9%	58.8%	310	56.0%	320	-2.8%
School Wide	27.2%	655	32.4%	762	5.2%	59.1%	1,420	51.0%	1,199	-8.0%

Students struggled coming to school

Focus Areas

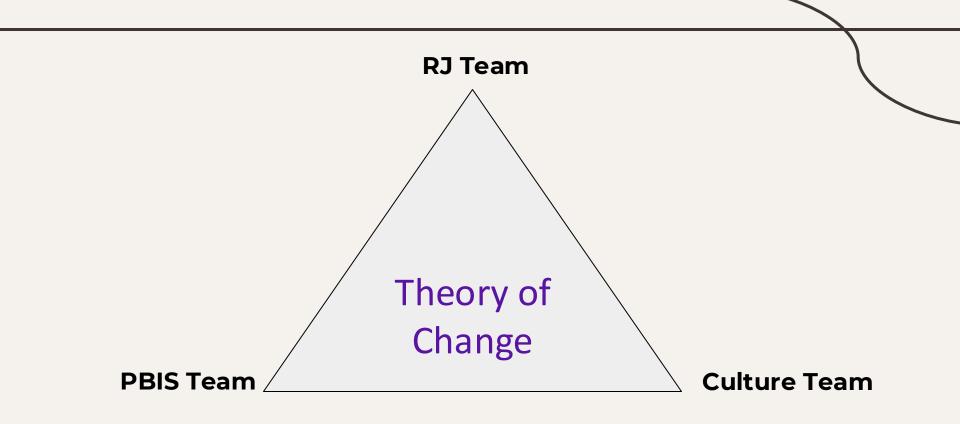
4:1 Ratio, Behavior Expectations, Team Building

Positive School Culture

- The 4 Ps (Positive Behavioral Expectations)
- 4:1 Ratio: Emphasizing positive reinforcement over correction.
- Team Building and Positive Culture:
 - Spirit assemblies, Kindness Awards, and recognition events.
 - Highlighting student achievements on social media.

BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS						
LOCATIONS	G. PROMPT	⁶ Prepared	B.POLITE B	PRODUCTIVE		
CLASSROOM	HE ON TIME TURE IN ASSIGNMENTS ON TIME	· BRIND CLASS SUPPLIES	KARE TOUR HAND KARE TOUR HAND KARE TOUR PROME AWAY	- COMPLETE ALL ASSIGNMENTS - GE XIMASI OF BEADLINES - ASK FOR HELP		
HALLWAYS	PROMPTLY WALK TO YOUR ADDENED DESTINATION BE QUICK	III CANTONE WITH ENVIRONME DOORS & CTINE ENVIRONME OFF TOWE FEMAL CLOSE TOWE LOCKER & GO TO CLASS	EI MINEPULATO SIARE SPACE APOLOGUE I' TOU SUMPIRITE DOMEDNE	PLAN YOUR LOCKER WRITE ACCORDINGLY BE QUICK		
NUTRITION 5 LUNCH AREAS	PROMPTLY WALK TO THE POOD LINES WALK TO YOUR NEXT CLASS AS SOCK AS THE FAILURE MULL PARTS	· BE PROPARED TO PRESS S	OO TO THE INC OF THE LINE & WAIT YOUR TURN HILP EACH OTHER CLEAN UP	EAT & REALTRY MEAN EXEPTONE FOR CLEAN EVENTONE FROM UP ONE THINKS		
P.E. LOCKERS	PROMPTLY DRESS FOR YOUR PROMPTLY DRESS FACE HOD TOUR REDUCAR CUDINES	- BRING YOLK P.L. CLOTHES EVERY DAY	• STAVE ENCODE SPACE AROUND YOU FOR OTHERS TO CHANNE	CHANGE INTO APPROPRIATE CLOTHING L PARTICIPATE		
RESTROOMS	· PROMPTLY DIE THE MECENIARY FACILITIES & THEN BRIT	LOS THE REPRODUCTOR ITS MATERIALS PARTIES	BE MENDING OF THE PRIVACY OF OTHERS LEAVE THE RESTROOM CLEAN TOR THE MEAT PERSON	UNIT THE REPERSON QUEINS TOUR PRESIDENT THRE UNIT CLASS TIME WITHLY		
ASSEMBLIES	PROMPTLY WALK-IN AND TAKE A REAT IN THE DEDURINATIO MEEK	Proteinit, know where too are ephoted to by reformand	MAKE BOOM FOR OTHERS TO DATE THEIR MATE RESPECT TOOR PRESENTER	- LISTEN & PAY ATTENTION		



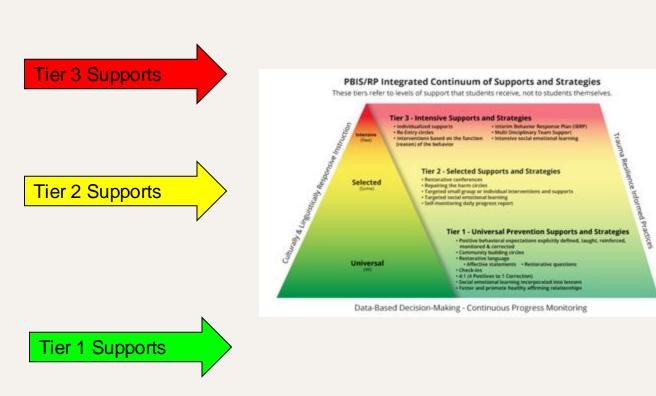


Alignment

PBIS Team	Meets monthly to set schoolwide goals for restorative practices	 Sets annual goals and tracks data
Culture Team	Implements initiatives that build connections and a positive culture.	 Brings goals to life through activities like assemblies, awards, and leadership events.
RJ Team	Focuses on Tier 2 and 3 students, fostering social-emotional learning and conflict resolution.	• Ensures both students and staff adhere to the 4 Ps, focusing on relationship building and addressing higher-level student needs.

Multi-Tiered Support

- Saturdays with Restorative Practices
- Safety Plan
- Reflection Time
- Hazel Telehealth
- CALM & Zen Room
- Team Building Circles
- Breakfast Club
- PBIS Assemblies
- PBIS Lessons (HR)
- Spirit Assemblies
- Kindness Awards
- Fun Fridays



4 Unifying Features of	of PBIS/RP	
Community Building Activities	afe especifiul estorative	
Community Building	Encourage students to participate in positive school functions ie Fun Fridays, Clubs, Tutoring, Sports	
Creating Expectations	Being consistent in how we address students	
Check In & Out	Say hello to students- greet students- ask students how they are doing, feeling	
<u>4:1 Connection Over Correction</u>	Learn students names, and offer positive words before going into correction	

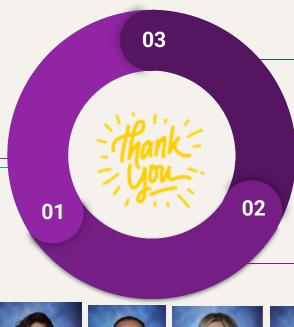
PBIS & Culture Team



Positive Behavior Intervention & Support Team

School Climate Committee

- Fun Fridays-Music & Games at Lunch
- Ticket system to redeem for tangible items
- Universal screeners to assess socio-emotional wellbeing
- estorative circles/socratic seminar



Attendance Committee

Thank you PBIS &

Culture Team!!

- Attendance certificates every semester
- Incentives ie raffles, front of line passes, goodies from the student store
- Extra break time

Substance Abuse Committee

- A high school drug awareness campaign
- Additional assemblies on drug



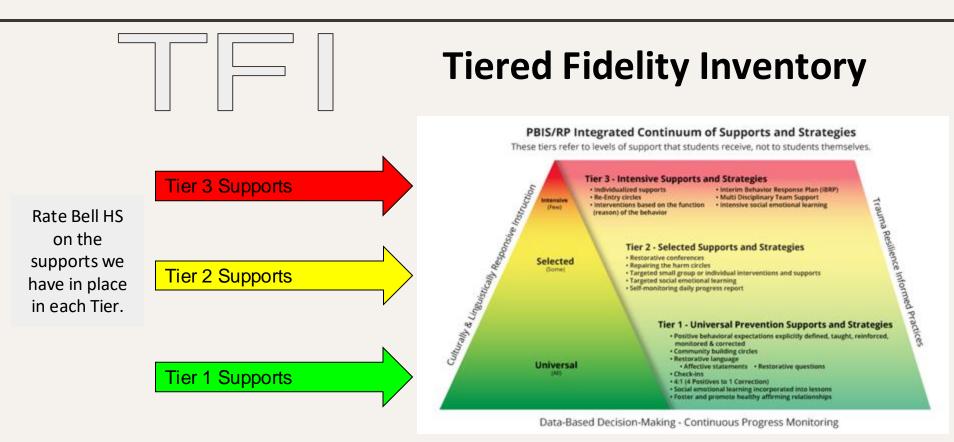












Action Plan: Areas of Growth

I.4 Teaching Expectations- Expected academic and social behaviors are taught directly to all students in classrooms and across other campus settings/locations.

• Formal system with written schedules is used to teach expected behaviors directly to students across classroom and campus settings AND at least 70% of students can list at least 67% of the expectations

I.9 Feedback & Acknowledgement- A formal system (i.e., written set of procedures for specific behavior feedback that is [a] linked to school-wide expectations and [b] used within classrooms and across settings) is in place.

• Formal system for acknowledging student behavior is used by at least 90% of staff AND received by at least 50% of students



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Student Trust

How can we increase student trust?

¿Cómo podemos aumentar la confianza de los estudiantes?

Connections

How can we improve adult & student connections?

¿Cómo podemos mejorar la conexión entre adultos y estudiantes?



Culture of Caring

How can we increase culture of caring?

¿Cómo podemos aumentar la cultura del cuidado?

TFI: Action Plan



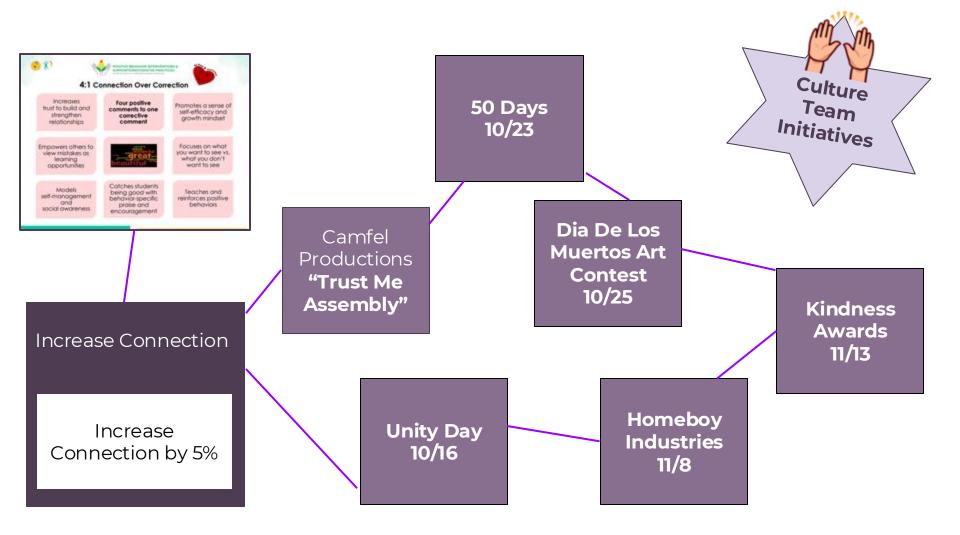
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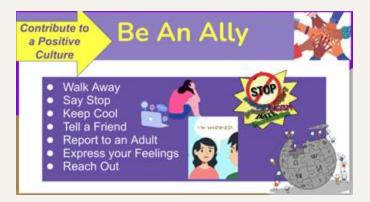
Culture Team



COACH



PBIS, Spirit Assemblies, & Social Media











Lunch time activity to provide students with resources and activities to help reduce stress.

Bell High School Mental Health Awareness Day



RJ Office

Tier 2 & 3

RJ Team

- Equity Protocols
- RJ Referral Form
- Reflection Time
- Breakfast Club
- Calm/Zen Room
- RJ Check In Form
- RJ Saturday

Protocols & Matrix

Tier	Student Action	Teacher Action	Consequence Resources			
I	Lack of supplies Talking excessively Cheating or plagiarism Not completing classwork/bonnework Obscenity/ Profanity/ Vulgarity Disruption, or insuboedination Excessive absences/ tardies Unauthorized use of electronic devices	Warning Conference with student Writing reflections (i.e. apology letter, essay, etc.) 4. Call parents 5. Parent conference. 6. Referral to Counselee	Schoolwide Tier LLook-Fors Behavior Reflection Brainstorm and Apology Letter Template Creating Behavior Contracts Teach, Co-Create, Review, Reinforce Behavior Expectations for Classrooms 4:1 Connection over Correction Check-In and Check outs Boosting Motivation and Engagement Classroom Motivation Systems Courageous Conversations Mindful Practice: Belly Breathing			
2	 Verbal Altercation Graffiti/Tagging (on school property) Bullying/Cyberbully ing/Hazing not based on protected categories 	 I. Immediately call for security to pick up the student and submit RJ Referral to Restorative Justice Advisor. RJ's will create all Category One referrals. 	Alternatives to Suspensions Multi-tiered Integrated Strategies & Resources Multi-tiered Systems Of Support Guide			
3	 Hate violence Physical altercation/Fight Student suspected of being under the influence of drugs or alcobol Possession of drugs or paraphernalia Theft Assault/Battery 	 Immediately call for security to pick up the student and submit RJ Referral to Restorative Justice Advisor. RJ's will create all Category One referrals. Social time reflection Referral to Wellbeing Center and/or Hazel Health 	Alternatives to Suspensions Multi-tiered Integrated Strategies & Resources			

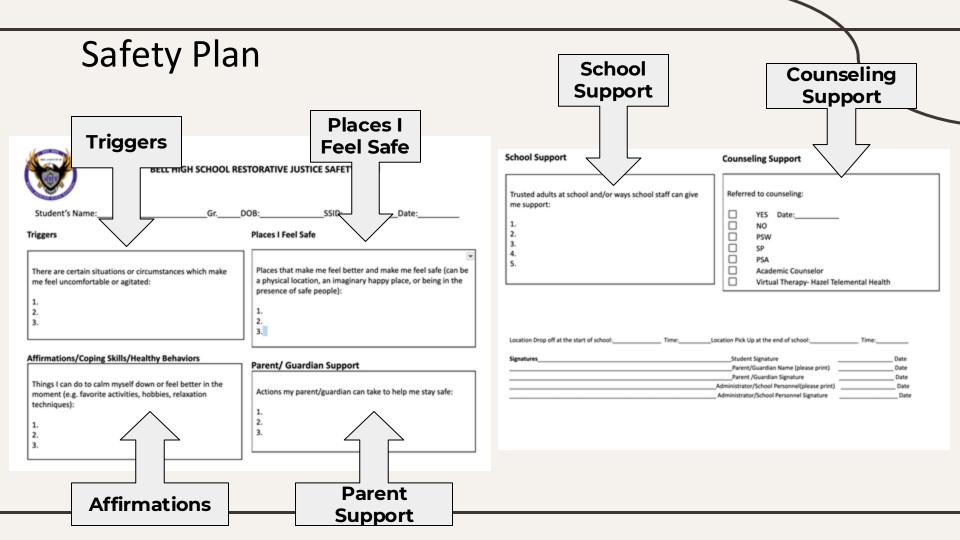
	Behavioral Exp	ectations (Consequences)	-
SITUATION	INFRACTION THER LEVEL CA ED CODE LAUSD BULLETIN MISIS REFERRAL CODE	PREVENTATIVE DISCIPLINE STRATEGIES	TEACHER GENERATED PROGRESSIVE CONSEQUENCES
Lack of supplies (BE PREPARED)	Tior 1 LAUSD Bulletin 6231.0 MiSiS Referral Code: Counseling-Work Habits	► Have extra supplies available and trade the student for their ID card or something else of value if you need the item returns of the idea of value if you need the item returns of folder, ruler, calculator, etc.)	Warning Conference with student Writing reflections (i.e. spolagy letter, essay; etc.) 4. Call parents 5. Parent conference. 6. Referral to Counselor
Talking excessively (BE POLITE)	Tior 1 Ed Code 48900 LAUSD Bulletin 6231.0 MSIS Referal Code: Counseling-Criteenship	 Ensure you have given clear instructions for the assignment Stand in close proximity to the student 	Warning Conference with student Writing reflections (i.e. spolagy letter, essay; etc.) 4, Call parents 5. Parent conference. 6. Referral to Counselor

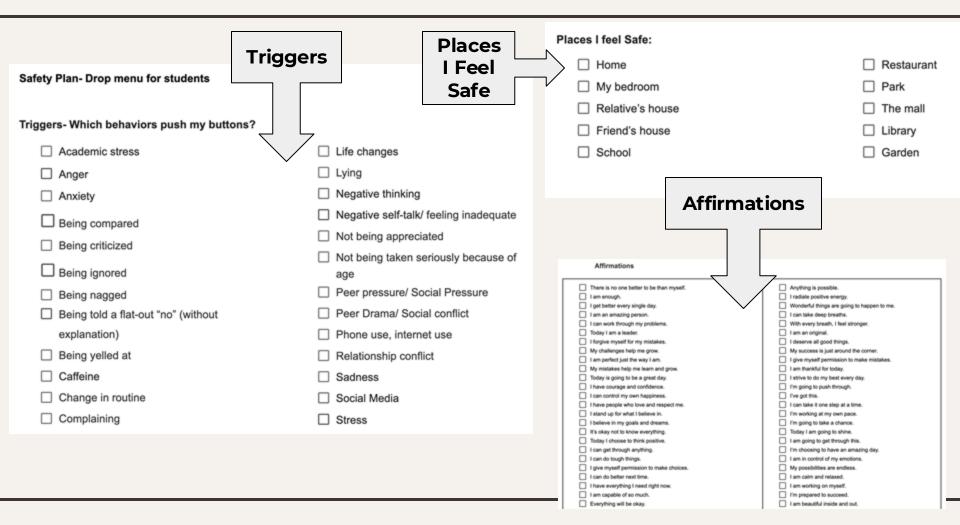
Behavior Situation Range		Disciplinary Protocols	Who
	Min	Hold for the period	Teacher
Electronic device	Мах	Hold to the end of day / Parent Conference	RJ
	Min	Push into class	Campus Aide/OOC
Ditching	Max	Parent Conference 5 times=1 Social Time or Detention	Franco
	Min	Push into class	Campus Aide/OOC
Loitering Open in new	Max	Escorted to RJ Office/ Call Parent or Parent Conference 5 times=1 Social Time or Detention	M. Franco
	Min	Parent contact & warning	Teacher/ RJ
Leaving class without permission	Max	Parent conference with the teacher	Franco/RJ





SY 2023-24: BHS student sign was utilized 1,981 times





		School Suppo	rt- Ways school staff can give me su	apport			
Parent/ Guardian Support- Actions my parent/guard	ian can take to help me stay safe. Healthy adults at	4:1 Con	nection: Correction	Help me set SMART goals			
home or in my community, whom I trust and feel comfortab	Get to k	now me and create rapport	(Specific, Measurable, Relevant,				
	Help me	e manage my time and attention to	Achievable, and Time-bound)				
 4:1 Connection: Correction Safe passage to and from school- I need a car ride or car pick up Schedule a parent conference with teacher(s) Rely on technology and check for school/ district news, academic 	 Monitor social media, internet use, phone use, and current physical location Stay healthy Backpack emergency card/ check in medicine with nurse Hand sanitizer and tissues Mask 	experier Guide a complet	e regulate my emotion when I nce anxiety and/or depression ind help me process, plan, and te learning tasks ant with me	 Help me receive modifications and accommodations in class Help me with strategies to assist with focusing Help me find counseling support Help me with academic support 			
progress, and attendance updates on	Healthy snacks	Make ti	me to listen to me	 Help me with attendance support 			
Schoology, emails, Blackboard Connect	Reusable water bottle	Review	routines with me	Help me sign up for virtual therapy HAZEL			
calls, and text messages.	Parent Support	t & School Support					
 Confirm student's records and emergency contact information is up to 	Sunscreen						
date Review School policy- review LAUSD/	Proper hand washing		Coping Skills/ Healthy Behaviors/ Self-Care-				
School's handbook- guide answers most parents' questions, including dress code, visitors policy, emergency drills and routes, and the school's stance on bullying	Mental health resources Encourage open conversations Talk regularly with teachers and Warning Sign	s & Copi	hysical, and emotional well-being- recognizing when you need a break ese coping methods and techniques may help you through a stressful , while others are meant to help teens in the moment. or feel better in the moment (e.g. Favorite activities, hobbies,				
			Mindfulness	Yoga/ a yoga relaxation exercise			
			Meditation	Avoid alcohol and other drugs			
Warning Signs- I should use my safety pla	n when I notice these warning signs:		Sports or Hobbies	Belly breathing			
Negative thought(s)	Negative behavior(s)		Creating art	Boat pose			
Negative images (s)	Misinterpreting facial exp	essions and	Creating a vision board	Calm practice/ Calm App			
Negative mood(s)	body language		 Engaging in creative activities 	Count to 5			
Negative situation(s)			Journaling	Playing with a fidget toy			
			Deep Breathing Exercises	Dance			
			Affirmations/ Mantras	Eat well			

Bell High School Saturday School

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With Restorative Justice

Academic Support Goal Setting All students can succeed at Bell HS!

Get the support you need! Bring your grades up!

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Room 135 Enroll now! Please see R.J. Martinez in the Restorative Justice Office or email amg7804@lausd.net Academic Support Goal Setting SEL Affirmations

Saturdays with Restorative Justice Practices

- Academic Support
- Goal Setting
- SEL
- Affirmation
- Connection



RJ Saturdays & Teambuilding







RJ Saturdays: 4 unifying elements of PBIS





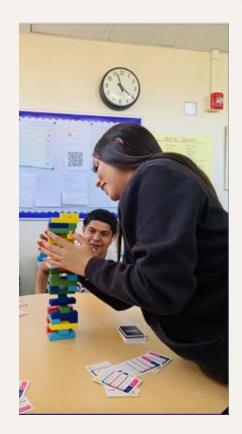
SY 2023-24: **RJ Saturday was utilized 127 times**

Team Building Circles

6 circles each week

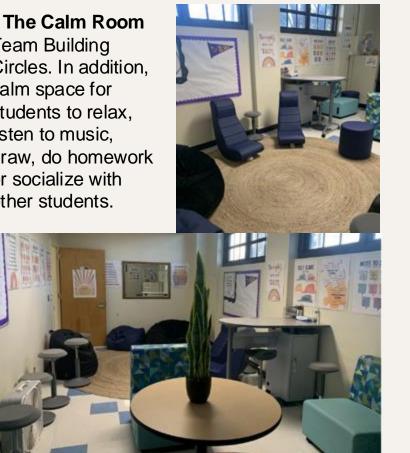
- o RJ Advisors
- o Climate Advocate
- o AP
- o School Psychologist
- o Wellbeing Center

SY 2023-24: RJ Circles were utilized 251 times



CALM Room + Zen Room

Team Building Circles. In addition, calm space for students to relax, listen to music, draw, do homework or socialize with other students.







The Zen Room

light sensory environment, meditation, calming, and de-escalation

De-Escalation Training

- All Out of Classroom attended
- PBIS SOSA provided four, 1 hour trainings for our team
- 4 Series Parent PBIS Workshop
- 4 Series Workshop Campus Aides
- PBIS Professional Development for teachers and staff

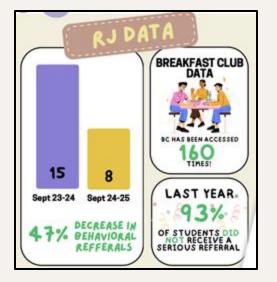
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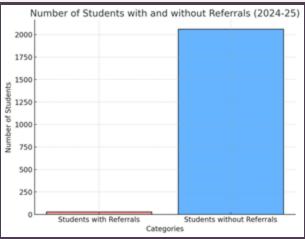
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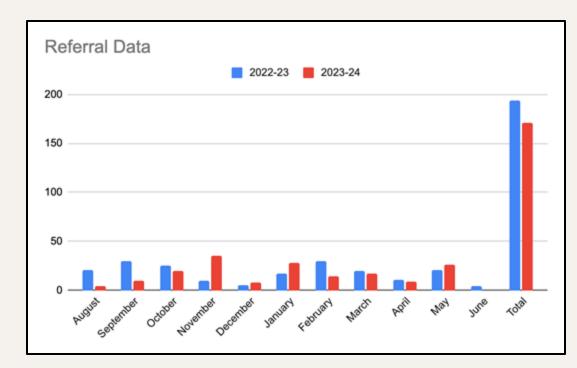
"Me siento muy orgullosa de estar trabajando con ustedes y el trabajo que hemos realizado" Perla (Parent)

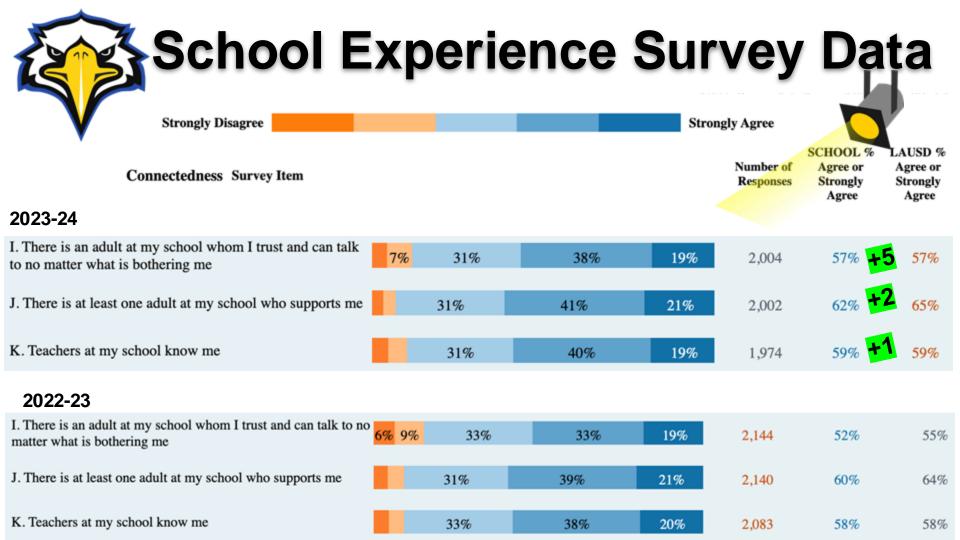
"What I enjoy about being in the RJ Office during the Breakfast Club is being able to come in and having a safe place to be, and that I don't have to worry about anything" Sadie (Student)











Attendance Data



	2022-2023 2023-202			-2024	024		2022-2023		2023-2024	
GRADE	Percent of Students 91% and Below (Chronic)	Number of Students at 91% and Below (Chronic)	Percent of Students 91% and Below (Chronic)	Number of Students at 91% and Below (Chronic)	Change in Percent of Students 91% and Below (Chronic)	Percent of Students at 96% and Above (Prof/Adv)	Number of Students at 96% and Above (Prof/Adv)	Percent of Students at 96% and Above (Prof/Adv)	Number of Students at 96% and Above (Prof/Adv)	Change in Percent of Students at 96% and Above (Prof/Adv)
09	35.0%	241	29.4%	206	-5.6%	48.0%	330	57.0%	399	9.0%
10	35.6%	204	28.3%	160	-7.3%	50.4%	289	54.4%	308	4.0%
11	29.2%	151	23.5%	109	-5.7%	50.3%	260	60.9%	282	10.6%
12	29.1%	166	26.4%	142	-2.6%	56.0%	320	58.7%	315	2.6%
School Wide	32.4%	762	27.2%	617	-5.2%	51.0%	1,199	57.5%	1,304	6.5%



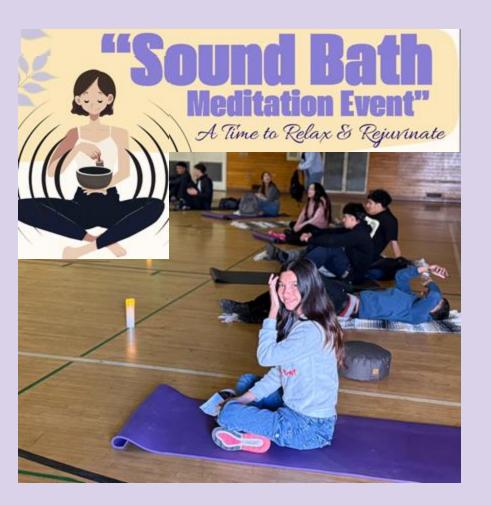














Parent Team Building Circles



RJ Saturdays, Academic Support, Teambuilding



BELL HIGH SCHOOL PBIS NEWSLETTER | SEPTEMBER | VOL1/ISSUE -1

At Bell High School, our Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) approach focuses on fostering a positive school culture through connection, not correction. Using strategies like the 4-to-1 ratio of praise over redirection, we promote student engagement and well-being.

Our Restorative Justice Office provides a safe space for students to rebuild relationships and reflect on their actions, encouraging accountability and empathy. By integrating restorative practices with PBIS, we ensure a balanced approach to both support and accountability, nurturing students academically, socially, and emotionally while reinforcing positive behaviors.



RJ STAFF:

MS. KONTOLEFAS, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL MS. CASTILLO. **RJ ADVISOR** MS. MARTINEZ RJ ADVISOR MR. ZAMORANO, CLIMATE ADVOCATE



SUPPORTED BY: MS. MARTINEZ. RJ COORDINATOR MS. TINAJERO, INSTRUCTIONAL COACH

The Breakfast Club offers students a supportive space during break and lunch to receive restorative services and build positive community connections.



CONSEQUENCES



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Our Calm and Zen Room is Ready!

We're excited to announce that our Calm and Zen Room is ready to explore! This beautifully designed space offers a light sensory environment focused on meditation, calming, and de-escalation-perfect for student support or hosting team-building circles.

Stop by to take a look and get a feel for the space! We're confident you'll find it to be a peaceful haven, whether for student support, or even hosting team-building circles.

Click on images to see larger views



A special shout-out goes to Mr. Creamer and Skyler for their

incredible support and

ard work in building our beautiful Zen Room.

Thank you for helping

connection in our school community

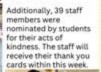
create a space that fosters peace and Check out the photos for a sneak peek of what awaits in this tranguil space. We can't wait to see you there!



"Click on images to see larger views A total of 250 students were nominated by the staff for their exemplary display of kindness. Each student was awarded a certificate and invited to enjoy snacks and music during

WORLD KINDNESS







Challenges & Next Steps

Challenges

- RJ form, use it every time,
- Usage inconstant of google form referral,
- Structures of calm and zen room,
- Staffing- support
- Buy In

Next Steps

- Increase 4:1
- Add more weekly team building circles
- Train additional stakeholders on team building circles
- CALM & Zen Room access and systems
- Peer advocates
- Increase Hazel Health Support Services
- PBIS Professional Development
- Staff Buy-in

Survey Item		Goal	S		Number of Responses	SCHOOL % Agree or Strongly Agree	LAUSD % Agree or Strongly Agree
I. There is an adult at my school whom I trust and can talk to no matter what is bothering me	7%	31%	38%	19%	2,004	57%	57%
J. There is at least one adult at my school who supports me		31%	41%	21%	2,002	62%	65%
K. Teachers at my school know me		31%	40%	19%	1,974	59%	59%

Increase Connection	Students who know	Adults who know	Acknowledgement
	the 4 Ps	the 4 Ps	System
Increase Connection by 5%	85-100% of Students will know the expectations	All stakeholders know, model, teach the expectations	Systematic acknowledgment system

Thank you!

Questions

Tiered Fidelity Inventory



Schools were asked to complete and upload Tier 1 scores and goal into the Principal's Portal for fall semester by December 6, 2024.

97% of Schools submitted scores and goals

- "... The goal isn't to get a hundred percent on these measures. The goal is to find out what can be improved so you can make sure that you're implementing the critical features that are most likely to improve student outcomes."
 - o always know what your next step in implementation is on your action plan
 - if all you know what your score was you don't know what to do to keep improving

McIntosh, K. (2021). Four Tips For Sustaining PBIS. University of Oregon, Institute of Education Sciences



Public Comment







PBIS/RP in L.A. Unified: Bright Spots and Challenges

Survey data shows most teachers and school site administrators support positive behavior interventions and supports and restorative practices (PBIS/RP). However, to address staff's needs and frustrations and foster welcoming, safe and inclusive school climates, renewed implementation efforts are needed. Recommendations include enhancing professional development, increasing Systems of Support Advisors support, and clear expectations from the top.

What's at stake

All students and staff benefit from safe and inclusive learning environments. To foster such environments, the District uses proactive, evidence-based approaches to discipline—positive behavior interventions and supports (PBIS) and restorative practices (RP), the former introduced following the 2003 Consent Decree and the latter through the 2013 School Climate Bill of Rights. In 2004-05, 120,000 instructional days were lost to suspensions, but by 2023-24, just over 4,000 days were lost—a 97% reduction.

However, fights on campuses have increased each year since 2017-18, and racial and disability-related disparities in discipline remain. The most recent school experience survey also revealed continued declines in students' favorable views of school climate.

This brief summarizes findings from a survey of school site administrators and teachers given fall 2023 and provides insights and considerations for regional staff managing and supporting the District's discipline policy.

Research approach

In October 2023, the IAU surveyed school site administrators and teachers about their attitudes towards PBIS/RP and its implementation. Participants were randomly selected based on experience, school level, and other factors, and only those in the same role at the same school for two years could participate. A representative sample of 189 school site administrators and 591 teachers responded, with response rates of 30% and 16%.

POLICY BRIEF

About the IAU's Survey

In May 2023, the Board authorized its Independent Analysis Unit (IAU) to evaluate PBIS/RP implementation. This brief presents findings from a survey of school site administrators and teachers given early fall 2023.

Results

Most staff supported restorative practices, but not without frustrations, and few teachers used these strategies regularly. Time and limited training were the most-cited challenges.

Bright spots

The following factors were associated with greater support, proficiency, and use:

- SOSA support
- school site support
- professional development
- elementary schools

Lessons for region administrators and regional directors

Teachers and school site administrators need clear expectations from the top, and amid competing demands, SOSAs are pivotal staff to bolster implementation. Ongoing training is also essential to sustain implementation, and emphasis on low effort, Tier I strategies may foster greater support and use.

Access the full report <u>here</u> or via this QR code



Results

Most school site administrators and teachers supported restorative practices, but many expressed frustrations. While 83% of school site administrators and 54% of teachers were supportive of and confident in using restorative practices, staff had mixed feelings about how students felt about them. Still, even teachers who were supportive were frustrated, one saying: *"This only works if there is top-down support... [helping with] not just trainings but [demonstrating]."*

Despite general support, few teachers used these strategies regularly. Among teachers, only 30% regularly implemented restorative practices for prevention, and 43% used them frequently (half the time or more) for office discipline referrals (ODRs). Among school site administrators, however, 73% reported using restorative practices to respond to most (over half) of the ODRs they saw. Over half of school site administrators reported few teachers used restorative practices consistently.

Most teachers and school site administrators cited lack of time as a challenge. Over 60% of school site administrators and 50% of teachers selected time constraints as a challenge to implementing both PBIS and RPs. As one administrator put it: *"With all the other duties plus the sporadic incidents that occur, not much time is available to properly implement SWPBIS."*

Both school site administrators and teachers reported insufficient training. Over 60% of school site administrators and 40% of teachers found limited training a major challenge in implementing PBIS/RP. Only 25% of teachers attended professional development related to these practices during or before the 2022-23 school year, and just 26% of teachers felt proficient in PBIS (27% in RPs). Finally, only 33% of school site administrators reported most of their teachers were trained in RPs.

Data suggests resistance from employees who were already employed when these practices became official policy. Data showed employees who were in their roles before 2013 were less supportive, confident, and skilled in restorative practices in 2022-23 than those who started after the 2013 policy change. As one respondent shared: *"I believe the training we have received is sufficient. The issue is some staff will always hem and haw and not see the need to change their old ways."*

What works to support implementation?

SOSAs

SOSAs positively impact teachers' confidence and use of PBIS/RP.

• Teachers who interacted with a System of Support Advisor (SOSA) had higher confidence, more positive views of student attitudes, and more frequent use of PBIS/RP for prevention and responding to discipline issues. They also reported greater proficiency in PBIS/RP.

School Support Support from school leadership improves teachers' attitudes.

• Teachers who felt supported by their school leadership had higher buy-in, confidence, and better perceptions of student attitudes towards RPs. They also reported greater proficiency in PBIS/RP.

PD enhances teachers' buy-in, use of, and proficiency in PBIS/RP.

• Attendees of PD on PBIS/RP in 2022-23 were more supportive, proficient, and reported more frequent use of PBIS/RP, compared to those who did not attend PD. School site administrators also reported improved teacher and student support with high levels of teacher training.

Elementary Data suggests elementary schools have stronger implementation.

• Elementary school staff had higher buy-in and more positive perceptions of student attitudes compared to secondary school staff. They also used PBIS/RP more often.

Lessons for regional directors and administrators

Teachers and school site administrators need clear expectations from the top.	 Numerous staff mentioned competing demands regarding PD and planning. Moreover, misconceptions—for example "that restorative practices mean that there are no consequences for serious discipline issues"—were common.
Amid competing demands, SOSAs are pivotal staff to bolster implementation.	 As one school leader shared: "Currently we get 5h a month. We need at least 5h a weekPBIS should be a top priority, but usually is the bottom priority." Central supports can accelerate PBIS/RP implementation by increasing funding to hire 30-35 more SOSAs in 2025-26.
School site administrators are key, but they need support and accountability, especially in secondary schools.	 As one teacher stated, "admins go through the motion of giving informationbut too abstract to follow." Other teachers expressed frustrations with the lack accountability: "Staff at my site are willing to support the program, but administration does not committhey mention it but no follow up."
Ongoing, scaffolded training is essential to sustain implementation.	 Mandatory training in 2024-25 as part of the Every School Safe Blueprint for Safety presents an opportunity to build a long-term plan for training for all school-based staff. As one teacher shared: "I need a 'refresher course we have many new teachers at my school who have had no PDs on RP."
Emphasis on practices that require the least effort to implement may foster greater support and use.	 In line with existing research, the IAU recommends prioritizing minimal effort strategies (e.g., Tier 1) to promote buy-in. Finally, to achieve greater coherence and minimize the burden on staff, the IAU recommends integrating strategies with existing initiatives (e.g., the new District SEL goal roll-out in 2024-25).

This brief presents findings and policy lessons from a report the IAU gave to Board of Education on June 27, 2024, titled: <u>"Ten Years of the School Climate Bill of Rights in L.A. Unified: Where are we? Survey of School Leaders and Teachers, Fall 2023</u>." This brief, published September 5, 2024, and the full report were prepared by Megan Besecker and Andrew Thomas, Ph.D. In some instances, quotes from the full report were edited for brevity and clarity.

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