

Positive talk

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School-Wide Positive Behavior Support (SWPBIS)

- SWPBIS refers to a systems change process for an entire school or district. The underlying theme is teaching behavioral expectations in the same manner as any core curriculum subject.



Classroom Rules:

A framework for teaching and modeling positive behavior

-Be Respectful
-Be Responsible
-Be Kind

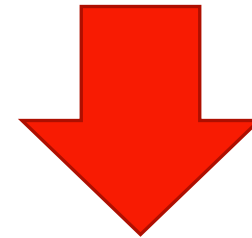
- Stated in positive language
- Taught and reviewed each class period, within the context of each setting
- Consistency from class to class and adult to adult is very important for successful implementation of SW-PBIS

Rules and Behavior Specific Expectations

Rule	Behavior-Specific Expectations
Respect your classmates	Use polite words Share Be quiet when others are working Say hello to other students Touch others in a friendly way (e.g., handshake, high five)
Be Responsible	Complete classwork Participate in class Use coping strategies Stay focused on yourself

How Can We Help
Generalize These
Skills Across
Environments?

Here,
There *and*
Everywhere****



1. Use consistent language
2. Can do language
3. Be concise
4. Effective reminders

Consistent Language

Springfield Expectations

- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible
- Be Kind

“At school, and at home, we speak to each other with kind words.”

“At school, you’re responsible for your classwork. At home, you can be responsible by doing your daily chore.”

Can Do Language

Tell students what you want them to do, not what you want them to stop.

- Make it active.
- Make it a “can do” statement.

Use your words if
you need help.

Please walk your
dishes to the sink.



Keep it Brief

"Cell phones away
at dinner."



Be Direct and Authentic

- Say what you mean, using direct language.
- Choose an appropriate tone of voice – leaving out sarcasm.
- Mean what you say: Follow through on your words.
- Catch yourself when using counterproductive language.
- Take a breath and think before you speak.

“First, put away clothes. Then, video games.”

“Stop shouting...I mean, please use a calm voice to tell me what’s wrong.”