Providing Instructional Consultation to Reduce Behavior Problems

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Effective Behavior Support Links classroom to schoolwide behavior support

- –Do your colleagues agree on the school-wide expectations?
- –Has the difference between teacher/ staff v. administrator managed rule violations been clarified?

What are your school-wide expectations?

- School-wide expectations are the behaviors that are expected from all students, staff, and administrators.
- Please identify your school-wide expectations.
 - Are they few in number, between 3 & 5?
 - Are they positively stated?
 - Are they easy to remember?
 - How are they taught/communicated to staff and students?
 - Have they been defined in observable, teachable, and acknowledgeable terms?

Purpose

Review critical features of effective instructional practices and behavior management strategies in classroom settings.

Critical Instructional Practices for First Seven Minutes of a Period

Greet students as they enter the classroom.

Respond to student's following directions

Connect lesson focus to previously taught skills

First Seven Minutes Continued

Display some level of enthusiasm for content

Present clear directions including objective for day's lesson

Provide opportunity for All students to respond (e.g. Choral Responding)

First Seven Minutes Continued

Know if all student's responded correctly

Provide proximal feedback for cooperation

Establish transition routine for student's who complete initial instructional task

Essential Behavior Support & Instructional Practices

Classroom Management Self-Assessment

- Classroom structure is organized to support typical activities and smooth transitions with sufficient space to move around class and access all materials.
 - Teacher has easy access to all parts of the room.
 - Use of high frequency items like trash can, pencil sharpener, and materials used for class are away from entrance/exit of class.

2. Classroom behavioral expectations are clear, positively stated & posted.

- Expectations are consistent with school-wide expectations. School-wide expectations are defined by each classroom for their rooms.
- Students are acknowledged for meeting the expectations.

3. Classroom routines are clear, taught to students & prompted by teacher.

- Students are taught expectations for main routines. Use Tell, Show, Do method (see TRIP).
- Routine expectations are reviewed regularly and practiced when necessary.
- Clear prompt, verbal, gesture, auditory, etc.. exist for routine to commence

- Students are greeted by teacher prior to or as they enter the classroom.
 - -When possible stand slightly outside the door and greeting the students serves as a prompt for appropriate behavior (Think Wal-Mart greeter)
- 5. Use a high ratio of positive to negative teacher to student interactions
 - Positive event/interaction at least every 5 minutes
 - Follow correction for rule violation with positive acknowledgement for rule following

Class begins with a review of key points from previous lesson(s)

-"get started" activities that all students can complete successfully.

Provide a "hook" that gets all students successfully engaged to start class.

7. Teacher states objective(s) of lesson prior to beginning teaching.

- Stating the objective(s) provides meaning to students. Meaning promotes active learning.
- Advance organizer
- Point of reference
- Agenda posted on blackboard
- Appears related to previous lessons.

8. Actively supervise at all times

- -Move regularly
- -Scan continuously & overtly
- -Interact frequently & positively
- Positively acknowledge students who are following the class expectations
- -Video Link

- Manage minor (low intensity or frequency) problem behaviors positively & quickly
 - Signal occurrence
 - State correct response
 - Ask student to restate/show
 - Disengage quickly & early

10. Teacher uses **precorrection** to prevent predictable student problem behaviors.

- Pre-correction is also referred to as a prompt.
 If there teacher knows there is specific behavior of concern that may occur, they will prompt students to engage in the appropriate alternative behavior
- Pre-correction is part of the 3 "P's" of behavior management, pre-correct, proximity, and praise.

11. Follow school procedures for major & chronic problem behaviors

- Be consistent & business-like
- Precorrect for next occurrence
- Knows difference between teacher managed and administrator managed problems.
- Has clear procedures for notifying parents regarding chronic problems.

12. Conduct smooth & efficient transitions between activities

- Taught routine
 - e.g. lining up, turning in materials, getting started activity, getting missed work when absent, etc..
- Engage students immediately

13. Prepared for activity

- Know and communicate desired outcome
- Have materials readily available
- Practice presentation fluency
- Prepare filler activities
- Students are reminded of objective

14. Teacher ensures that all students can see and/or hear instruction and related materials.

 Teachers moves through the room to ensure students can see overheads, blackboard,

15. Use most of allocated time for instruction (at least 80%)

- Fill day with instructional activities
- Maximize teacher led engagement

16. Engage students in active responding

- Write
- Verbalize
- Participate
- Choral responding

17. Give each student multiple ways to actively respond

- Individual v. choral responses
- Written v. gestures
- Peer-based

18. Regularly check for student understanding

- Questions
- Affirmative gesture
- Written action

19. End activity with specific feedback

- Know how many students meet lessons objective
- Feedback on academic and social expectations
- Individual v. group acknowledgment.
- Next steps, homework if any, etc..

20. Provide extra time/assistance for unsuccessful students

- More practice
- More instruction

How did you do?

15-20 "yes" = Proactive- Management designed to prevent problems from occurring

9-12 "yes" = *Mixed*

<9 "yes" = Reactive- Management tends to be focused on responding to challenging behaviors

Web Resources

Missouri Classroom Resources

http://www.interventioncentral.org/behavioral-interventions

Florida PBIS Classroom Resources

http://flpbs.fmhi.usf.edu/ resources classroom.cfm

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