

Implementation Snapshot

TFI Implementation Feature: Behavioral Expectations (1.3)

What is it?

- School has five or fewer positively stated behavioral expectations and examples by setting/location for student and staff behavior (e.g., school teaching matrix) defined and in place.
- ***Benchmarks of Quality:***
 - 3-5 positively stated school-wide expectations are posted around school
 - Expectations apply to both students and staff
 - Rules are developed and posted for specific settings (where data suggests rules are needed)
 - Behavioral examples/rules are linked to expectations
 - Staff are involved in development of expectations and rules

Supporting Implementation:

Role of District Coordinator:

- Provide resources for production of teaching matrix and other visual communication tools for SW expectations (e.g., posters)
- Meet with coaches to review teaching matrices and classroom alignment
- Review implementation outcomes and products for alignment with division strategic planning goals and social/behavioral needs

Role of Administrator:

- Include time during staff or grade level/core/department meetings to allow coach and team to facilitate teaching matrix development
- Include classroom alignment with school-wide expectations as part of “look for” of walk through
- Allocate resources (e.g., team meeting time, time for team to work with staff/students, production of expectations for display around school)
- Review implementation outcomes and products for alignment with strategic planning goals and social/behavioral needs
- Review academic and social/behavioral data with school leadership teams
- Arrange for additional support as needed

Role of Coach:

- Attend team training with team
- Support team action planning, provide team with sample teaching matrices
- Work as a partner with administration and district coordinator to provide necessary resources

Role of Team:

- Attend team training and follow up with action planning and training
- Review data and information from considerations provided in training to develop of teaching matrix
- Plan for time and activities to involve staff, students, and families in the development of the teaching matrix and regular review to ensure responsiveness to school community
- Plan for including teaching matrix in school documents (e.g., staff and student handbooks, family communication, student planning, school website)
- Plan for facilitating staff to align classroom rules with school expectations
- Plan for on-going review of teaching matrix to meet changing needs of school

Role of Staff:

- Participate in development of school-wide (SW) teaching matrix
- Elicit student input
- Align classroom rules/expectations with SW expectations and display in classroom (classroom teaching matrix)

Role of Student, Family, and Community

- Be familiar with school-wide expectations and rules by location. Reinforce these outside of the school building.

Scoring Criteria:

0 = Behavioral expectations have not been identified, are not all positive, or are more than 5 in number
 1 = Behavioral expectations identified but may not include a matrix or be posted
 2 = Five or fewer behavioral expectations exist that are positive, posted, and identified for specific settings (e.g. matrix) AND at least 90% of staff can list at least 67% of the expectations

Possible Data Sources and Implementation Products

- TFI Walkthrough Tool
- Staff handbook
- Student handbook
- Teaching Matrix with expectations defined based on data, feedback from faculty, staff, and families

Research:

- A dependable system of rules and procedures provides structure for students and helps them be engaged with instructional tasks (Brophy, 1998).
- Clearly stating expectations and consistently supporting them lends credibility to a teacher's authority (Good & Brophy, 2000).

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- Use of expectations and rules provides a guideline for students to monitor their own behavior and they remind and motivate students to meet certain standards (Newcomer, 2009).