



Fall 2019

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PARENT NEWSLETTER

What is Positive Behavior Support?



If a child doesn't know how to read, we teach.
If a child doesn't know how to swim, we teach.
If a child doesn't know how to multiply, we teach.
If a child doesn't know how to drive, we teach.
If a child doesn't know how to behave, we... teach? ...punish?
Why can't we finish the last sentence as automatically as we do the others?

-Tom Herner (NASDE President, 1998)

Positive Behavior and Intervention Support (PBIS) is using methods used to identify and support desired behaviors in the school setting. PBIS seeks to reduce or eliminate poor behavior schoolwide through the encouragement of positive behaviors. At LAHSA, we seek to do this first by creating positive school climate and culture. Our goal at LAHSA is to help students feel welcomed and safe. We want to practice respect in order to earn respect.

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We believe that this will ultimately help students become more engaged in school and more involved with school activities and school life. In order to do this, we teach lessons about Behavior Expectations, we remind students about rules, we uphold a cell phone policy, and we reward students through programs such as LAHSA Fistbumps and Student of the Month.

Parents and School - Partners for Success

There are many ways parents can help their child at home for success.

At home, you can help ensure that your child:

- Attends school regularly
- Arrives on time
- Dresses properly for school and weather
- Is well-rested and well-fed (if your child does not eat at school)
- Comes prepared with all needed materials (books and supplies)
- Completes all homework and studies
- Follows the cell-phone policy to help him/her focus during class

Academic success is especially important in high school because students have to stay on track to graduate and apply for college.

- Make a time and place for study: set up a “quiet zone” in your home for homework and study.
- Check your child’s assignments: Review homework to be sure it’s complete.
- Make an effort to keep in touch with the school: get to know your child’s teachers and other staff.

In addition to all of the above, make time to come to your child’s school to register for Schoology where you can check:

- For homework assignments
- Turned in assignments
- Missing assignments
- Projects that are due
- Grades



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Student of the Month

Every month, students from each advisory get chosen for **Student of the Month!** To be chosen for this, students should be modeling one (or more!) of LAHSA's behavior expectations. The expectations are included below if you need a refresher:

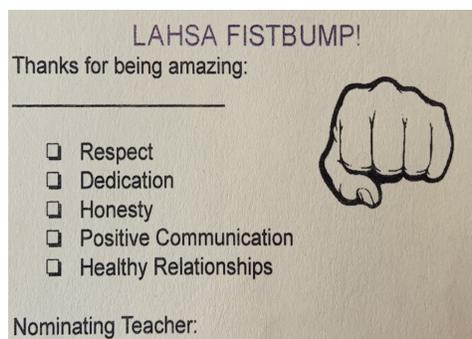
1. Respect yourself, others, and the campus.
2. Be dedicated to one's studies. - Improvement of grades, improvement of attendance.
3. Be honest and demonstrate integrity.
4. Maintain healthy relationships.
5. Communicate appropriately.

The advisory teachers will be on the lookout for students who are modeling these expectations in class and around campus! During class assemblies, the winner will be announced by their teacher, along with an explanation about why they were nominated for the award. The student of the month will get their picture displayed on the bulletin board and receive a gift card!

Fistbumps

Fistbump! These tickets are handed to students who are AMAZING at following LAHSA's behavior expectations. Students can get a ticket for...

- ★ Respect
- ★ Dedication
- ★ Honesty
- ★ Positive Communication
- ★ Healthy Relationships



LAHSA FISTBUMP!
Thanks for being amazing:

- Respect
- Dedication
- Honesty
- Positive Communication
- Healthy Relationships

Nominating Teacher:

The image shows a hand-drawn fist icon to the right of the checklist.

Turn in these tickets at the main office for a drawing each month and they can win a gift certificate! All the staff members have Fistbumps and are looking for a reason to give one out. Earn yours by following through with expectations!

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LAHSA Behavior Expectations

TO MAINTAIN A SAFE AND POSITIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT, LAHSA STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO:

- 1. **RESPECT** yourself, others, and the campus. This is our second home, so let's treat each other like family.
- 2. **Be DEDICATED** to your studies. Come to class every day, prepared and on-time. Be proactive with your academic progress. Develop good study habits. Come to tutoring if needed.
- 3. **Be HONEST** and demonstrate **INTEGRITY**. It's all about doing the right thing, even when no one is watching. Act with courage, honesty, and respect in your daily interactions.
- 4. Maintain **HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS**. It involves **RESPECT, KINDNESS, and TRUST** with everyone around you.
- 5. **COMMUNICATE** appropriately. Use academic language inside and outside the classroom.

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Reminder for Hallway and Common Area Expectations

In order to ensure that students are safe in school, it is important that all students remember to follow the rules and expectations, not only in the classroom but in outside settings as well. The following is a list of expectations to keep in mind when transitioning from one classroom to another

BE RESPECTFUL	BE RESPONSIBLE	BE SAFE
Use appropriate language	Always use a pass when not in class	Walk, don't run to class
Respect school property	Get to class on time	Maintain personal space
Listen to adult staff	Please use indoor voice when going to the bathroom or office	Keep your hands and feet to yourself

Cell Phone Policy

LAHSA has a strict cell phone policy. Though cell phones can be beneficial at times, it is important for parents to understand that cellphone use in the classroom is disruptive and distracting for students. Cell phone use in the classroom is prohibited for the safety of our students because it could be used for cyberbullying. If parents seek to contact their child or would like more information about our cell phone policy, please contact the school's main office.