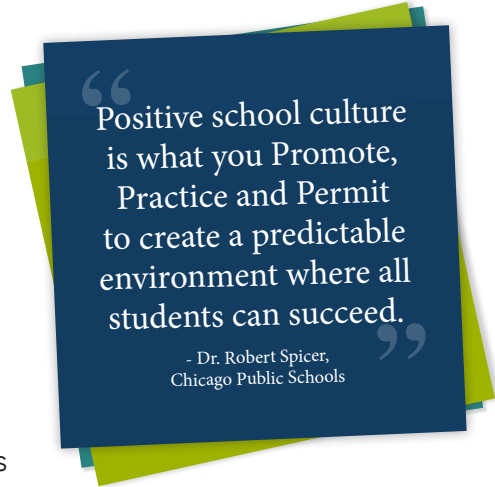


MEETING AGENDA

Considering School Rules for School-Wide SEL



PREPARE FOR THE MEETING

To help educators resolve difficult and challenging student behaviors, experts recommend that more attention and focus be given to social-emotional learning (SEL). Before our staff meeting about school-wide SEL, give some thought to your classroom rules and how they promote the behaviors you want to see:




| You want students to: | Your rule for this behavior is: |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Be Respectful | |
| Be Responsible | |
| Be Safe | |

What do you think the value of having school-wide rules is?

PROCESS

Put up three posters on the wall. Title one: **Be Respectful**, title two: **Be Responsible**, and title three: **Be Safe**. Give every teacher three Post-it notes as they enter the staff meeting. Have them write the rules they use in the classroom that they feel teach the behaviors they want to see. Have them put their Post-it notes on the corresponding poster.

Divide the teachers into three groups and hand each group one of the posters. In their groups, ask them to cull the notes down to their simplest form, combining those that are similar. Ask them to rewrite the simplified rules to better meet the following criteria:

-  **Stated behaviorally and positively** ex. "Walk in the Hallways" instead of "No Running"
-  **Manageable and enforceable** ex. Something you can See, Hear or Measure
-  **Limited to 3-5 general behaviors** ex. Hallway: 1) Keep hands and body to self. 2) Use your inside voice. 3) Walk on the right side.

REFLECTION

Bring all teachers back together. Ask for volunteers to share any aha moments they had. Steer the conversation toward how teachers can consistently use the same rules and language throughout the day. Let teachers know you plan to print these new school-wide rules and hold an assembly to share them with the whole school. Talk with teachers about how helpful it would be if parents understood and supported these same rules. Hand out this [take-home assignment](#) to complete at home or at school.

Create a plan to improve classroom culture throughout your school. Visit BoysTownTraining.org for the resources you need to get started.

