

Improving Transportation Safety: An MTSS approach

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About Me

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- What is MTSS?
 - Final Report of the Federal Commission on School Safety.
- Why MTSS?
 - Introduce theories related to rampage school shootings.
- How does it work?
 - Recognize the importance of establishing rules and procedures.
- Where is it implemented?
 - Investigate tools to build healthy relationships with students of diverse populations.

Success Criteria for this session

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Avenues of prevention











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what is MTSS?

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- Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS)
 - MTSS is a framework that schools use to provide targeted support to struggling students
 - Screening for all kids and aims to address
 behavioral (PBIS) as well as academic (RTI) issues
 - The goal of MTSS is to intervene early so students can catch up with their peers.
 - Understood.org (2019)





- Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)
 - A systems change process for an entire school or district.
 - The underlying theme is teaching behavioral expectations in the same manner as any other class
 - A proactive, preventative systems approach that establishes behavioral supports

• pbis.org (2017)



Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports IS

a trauma-informed framework





- Response to Interventions (RTI)
 - Focuses primarily on academics
 - Identifies kids who are struggling
 - Provides increasing levels of support to help students catch up with their peers.



Staff Beliefs. Staff across the school/district understand & accept their role in the positive teaching and managing of student behaviors.

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Staff Behavioral Beliefs & Attitudes

Tier 1: School-Wide Behavioral Expectations. The school has defined universal behavioral expectations for all students and staff—and trained the school community in those behaviors.



W Be **Responsible**

W Be Respectful







Following the Rules

1. Stop and think. 2. Ask yourself, "Is this safe, responsible, or respectful? 3. Make a good choice.

Listening 1. Look at the person 2. Think about what is being said. 3. Nod, say 'okay," or maintain eye contact.

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Disagreeing 1. Look at the person 2. Use a nice voice. 3. Tell how you feel. 4. Give a reason. 5. Listen to the other person.

Making an Apology

Look at the person.

Use a serious, sincere voice.

Say 'I'm sorry for...' or 'I want to apologize for...'

Explain how you plan to do better in the future.

Say 'Thanks for listening.'

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Appropriately Look at the person. Use a pleasant voice. Tell why you feel differently. Give a reason. Listen to the other person.

Disagreeing



Tier 2: Strategic Interventions. Tier 2 interventions target students who need behavior and/or socialemotional support (e.g., mentoring, counseling) that goes beyond that which can be provided in the classroom.



Tier 3: Intensive: RTI/MTSS Problem-Solving Team. General-education students needing Tier 3 academic or behavioral services are highstakes cases that require the RTI/MTSS Problem-Solving Team. This team follows a customized 'problem-solving' approach.

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WHN MTSS?



Recommendations from the Final Report of the Federal Commission on School Safety

- Adopt tiered social, emotional, and behavioral supports
- Adopt effective Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) strategies

Pages 19-20; recommendations #3 and 5



FINAL REPORT OF THE FEDERAL COMMISSION ON School Safety



Presented to the PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

December 18, 2018







WHY KIDS KILL



INSIDE THE MINDS OF SCHOOL SHOOTERS



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Perception of marginalization in the social worlds that matter

Kids may be stigmatized as:

- Geeks
- Nerds



Suffer from psychosocial problems that magnify marginality

Perceptions that they are:

- alone,
- disliked and
- rejected



Cultural scripts: Prescriptions for behavior

Belief that manhood and public respect come from violence.





- Kids fall under the radar
- Peers don't report threats





Unsupervised access to a weapon.

What about Social Emotional Learning?

STUDENT Depression on the rise

An analysis of a federal survey shows increasing rates of teen and young adult respondents reporting a major depressive episode in the last 12 months. Rates have stayed more consistent among older adults.



SOURCE: Journal of Abnormal Psychology



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Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)

- The Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning (CASEL)
 - Personal awareness
 - Social awareness
 - Self-management
 - Relationship skills
 - Responsible decision making

SAMHSA's Three E's of Trauma









- 1- What study?
- 2- I think I've seen the acronym.
- 3- I've heard of it but can't explain the outcomes.
- 4- I am familiar with the ACE study and can relate it to my work.
- 5- I am very familiar with ACEs and reference it regularly in my work.

ACE Study

Such a powerful image. Be gentle with the people you meet. Their outsides may not match their insides x

This is powerful...



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We all wear a mask
Childhood Trauma



- Causes brain to adapt in ways that contribute to survival
 - Behavior problems in school, community or other environments
- When triggered, the emotional part of the brain takes over the rational part of the brain
 - Constant state of alertness turns to fight/flight/free/force when minor triggers are experienced
- Students may demonstrate internalizing or externalizing behaviors.
 - Chronic arousal interrupts the typical brain development



Where is it implemented?







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Why transportation?

- Over 440,000 school bus drivers transport over 26 million students daily (School Transportation Safety Data, 2012).
- "Bus" has been identified as one of schools top three problem locations
- The experience a student has on the bus can make or break the beginning or end of the day







70% of bus drivers indicate bullying is a serious problem on their bus.

What the research says?











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- Structure the setting for success
- Teach students how to behave
- Observe student behavior (Supervise)
- Interact positively (build relationships)
- Correct behavior fluently (calmly, consistently, immediately, briefly and respectfully)
 - Safeandcivilschools.org

Structure the setting for success

- Rules/Expectationsidentify general expectations regarding student behavior (what you want done).
- Procedures are a method or process for accomplishing things (how you want it done).





 The most unchallenged assumption in education today is that our students are coming to school knowing rules, procedures and how to learn



Teach students how to behave

- 1. Explain- state the procedure, explain the rationale, model, and demonstrate
- 2. Rehearse- rehearse and practice under driver supervision

3. Reinforce- re-teach, rehearse, practice and reinforce until it becomes student habit or routine







- Scanning for evidence of positive behavior
- Intervene promptly and accurately
- Occupy the bus (eye contact with students and ensure all quadrants of the bus are visited)
- Develop meaningful relationships

Remember



Behavior IS communication

- Bad behavior may be caused by something that happened at home or on their last bus ride to or from school
- There is no place for sarcasm

Interact positively with students

- Help students feel
 - A part of the school community
 - Included by adults and their peers
 - Sense of guidance and control
 - Know the adult is the one who provides the control

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Interact positively with students

- Interact meaningfully with every student
- Provide meaningful feedback
- Create a positive climate
- Be respectful and sensitive

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- Thumbs up
- High Five
- Eye contact and smile
- Nod

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Tips to engaging with students

- Prepare ahead of time...engagement does not just happen!
 - Identify one thing you will do to connect with your passengers.

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Correct inappropriate behavior fluently

- Calmly
- Consistently
- Briefly
- Immediately
- Respectfully

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Now What?



- Do you have an MTSS system in place?
- How is your school investing in human capital?
- What is your plan for Kaizen? (continual improvement)
- Train your staff!!! (SRO's, Teachers, Administrators, custodial, kitchen, transportation, and administrative assistants)

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