Weaving A Tapestry of School Culture

North Middle School
Menomonee Falls, WI

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Restorative Practice:
The Falls Way
Why?

- Student Growth and Assessment
- Emphasis on building relationships with students
North Middle School Data

-Major Referrals
  * 2011-12: 555
  * 2012-13: 346
  * 2013-14: 341
North Middle School - Data

- Student Feedback

* I feel safe at my school. (3.70)

* When I have a problem, I know how to get help. (3.86)

* I have the opportunities to be successful at my school. (4.24)

* My teachers ask me how I learn best. (4.34)

* I regularly receive feedback from school staff about my academic progress. (3.41)

* I set learning goals and track my progress. (3.43)
North Middle School Data

- Parent Feedback

*I receive positive phone calls, notes, and/or emails about my child from the school. (3.23)

*I regularly receive feedback from school staff on how well my child is learning. (3.66)

*School rules/discipline plans are enforced consistently at this school. (3.89)
Continuous Classroom Improvement

- Responsibility for one's own improvement
  * Not just academics: can be used for behavior

* Behavior goal setting & progress monitoring
Continuous Classroom Improvement

- Learning Requirements
- Classroom Goal
- Class Learning Results
- Mission Statement
- Plan
- Do
- Study
- Act
Continuous Classroom Improvement

- Learning Requirements
  * 'I can...' Statements
- Classroom Goal
  * SMART Goal
- Class Learning Results
  * Data
- Mission Statement
  * Class Developed Guidelines
Continuous Classroom Improvement

- Plan
  * What do we plan to learn?

- Do
  * What will we do to learn what we need to learn?

- Study
  * What do our results tell us about our learning process?

- Act
  * What will we do differently next learning cycle?
Stronge Model - Teaching Standards

- **STANDARD 2: INSTRUCTIONAL PLANNING**
  * Knows the students' abilities and sets realistic goals

- **STANDARD 4: LEARNING ENVIRONMENT**
  * Cares about students as individuals and makes them feel valued
  * Adapts teaching to address student learning styles
  * Acknowledges his or her perspective and is open to hearing their students' worldviews
  * Is culturally competent
• PBIS: A Natural Fit

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PBIS

- Creating a Positive Environment for Students and Staff
- Clear Expectations
- Teaching, Modeling, and Reinforcing Appropriate Behaviors
PBIS: A Natural Fit

- Teaching & Encouraging
  *Restorative Questions & metacognition, but paired with teaching & modeling in as close to a normal setting as possible

- Prevention
  *"They don't care how much you know until they know how much you care."
PBIS at North Middle School

- Behavior Goal Team
- Flex Council
- Falls Pride Kick Off
- Falls Pride T-shirts
- Staff Shout Outs

School of Merit Award Recipient
Two Consecutive Years
PBIS at North Middle School

- 3 RE's
  * Respect Everyone
  * Respect Education
  * Respect Environment
# North Behavior Matrix

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<th>Expectations</th>
<th>Classroom</th>
<th>Hallway/ Stairway</th>
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<td>Go directly to your destination(s) - Stay in your space - Walk on right side - Keep lockers clean - Accept responsibility - Lock your locker - Keep hallway clean</td>
<td>Wait your turn - Accept responsibility - Keep area clean - Stay please and thank you - Lock your locker - Keep hallway clean</td>
<td>Respect other’s privacy - Stay in your space - Follow adult directions</td>
<td>Stay in your space - Follow designated procedures</td>
<td>Listen and follow adult directions - Stay in your space - Applaud/cheer appropriately - Participate appropriately</td>
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<td>Attend school regularly - Be on time - Be prepared - Accept responsibility - Listen to speaker - Do your best work - Participate - Use your assignment notebook</td>
<td>Use a quiet voice - Go directly to your destination(s) - Be on time to class - Have an appropriate pass visible</td>
<td>Make healthy food choices - Bring a pass if you are leaving the cafeteria - Eat a hot or cold lunch</td>
<td>Use a quiet voice - Have an appropriate pass</td>
<td>Go directly to your destination(s) - Be aware of other classes taking place</td>
<td>Remove all types of head gear - Turn off electronic devices - Put electronics in your backpack or locker and keep them there during the day</td>
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<td>Keep the restroom clean - Use equipment appropriately</td>
<td>Use trash receptacles</td>
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Blank Version to Use in Class with the Kids

What would be the benefit of having students write and lead the discussion?
But I know what I want!
How do I give the students ownership
AND get what I want?

Respect others’ right to learn.
Respect various differences in ability.
Be a positive role model for your classmates.
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However, we role model for your classmates.

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We have ourselves a CLASS CREATED CLASSROOM MATRIX!

The students know what’s in it, have taken ownership in the list of expectations and are more likely to hold each other responsible for sticking to it!

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<td>Be quiet when someone’s talking</td>
<td>Do homework, use assignment notebook and bring materials to class</td>
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What would be the value of having every student sign it and putting it in the front of the room? Laminating?
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Student led discussion worked - without a word from me, the kids came up with this!
CLASSROOM DISCIPLINE CYCLE

Respect Everyone, Respect Education, Respect Environment

Classroom Disruptions will Result in the Following:

1 = Non Verbal Warning
2 = Verbal Warning
3 = Student Completes Reflection Form
4 = Corrective Consequence
5 = Phone Call Home and Referral

*This cycle repeats every class period*
Reflect and Refocus

Student Name: ___________________________ Date: __________________

Rack Adjective: __________________________ Time Left: Class: ________

1. What happened?

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

2. What were you thinking at the time?

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

3. What have you thought about since?

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

4. Who is this related to what you have done? In what way?

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

5. What do you think you need to do to make things right?

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

6. I am ready to speak to my teacher at this time.

[ ] Yes  [ ] No

________________________________________________________________________
Cafetería VIDEO
PBIS at North Middle School

- PBIS Incentives

FALLS PRIDE CARD
2014-15

Name: ____________________________

House: _____ Flex Teacher: _________

- Front of Lunch Line (week) Fast Pass
- Gift Certificate ($1) to School Store
- Personal Listening Device usage in Flex for one day.
- Pop’s Custard Coupon
- Positive Phone Call Home

Parent Name: ______________________
Teacher Calling: __________________

[Grid for tracking incentives]
PBIS at North Middle School

**Bus Golden Ticket**

__________________ was caught “Doing the Right Thing” on the bus today. He/She should turn this ticket in to their Flex teacher for a signature on their PRC and a chance to win one of the five prizes on the PRC card in our weekly drawing.

__________________

Bus Driver Signature          Route Number          Date

North Middle School PBIS Program

Respect

Everyone

Education

Environment
Restorative Practices

- Goal
  * To actively engage students and create a climate where adults are doing things WITH students instead of TO or FOR them
Restorative Practice

- The restorative process reinforces appropriate behavior by relying on relationships or connections that have been previously built.
Restorative Circles

-Proactively building community through circles
Student Feedback

- I have gotten to learn more about the kids in my flex. Through circles, we became closer as a flex and created lots of memories and laughs.

- It helps me be able to share feelings/thoughts and opinions that I have, and that I am able to share without feeling uncomfortable.

- In one of my classes last year we used a circle and talked about what we could change for the next unit and what we could do better. I think that really helped me.
Staff Feedback

- "The philosophy of Restorative Practices is valuable and logical. I appreciate learning a 'best practices framework' for using Restorative Practices in a school setting and incorporating it with PBIS."

- "Kids are making me do a circle today!! They said, 'Even though it's Tuesday, I think we should probably do a circle.'"

- "I learned a lot, which is unusual for these things." (in reference to trainings and workshops)
"So we have been having issues in our circles and a lot of moaning about having to circle...obviously I have been doing something wrong. So this is what we did today and I think we are back on the right track. After giving a brief explanation on why we circle and a review of what our issues have been, we created a list of expectations and group norms for circling. We then went around and shared one thing we learned about another person in class. It was amazing! The kids came up with an incredible list and the dynamics really changed. Held each other accountable and everything. Just wanted to share in case others are struggling with circles."
Staff Feedback

- "Just wanted you to know about two different use of circles I've seen/heard of. The first was during our training for workshop; we circled up before training and aired our successes and trials. Great to get things on the table. Then ***** shared that she used a circle in her volunteer life. She had a bunch of women organizing an auction who are very tense right now due to deadlines and the pressure of getting everything done circled to air their thoughts. Broke the tension and made the night more productive, she said."
Resources

