

Clifford M. Granger School
Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports
2009-2010

The Clifford M. Granger School, along with Robinson Park School, James Clark School, Benjamin Phelps School and the Middle School, is proud to be implementing an important district initiative for the Agawam Public Schools. It is called Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) and it is aimed to promote and maximize academic achievement and behavioral competence. PBIS is a school-wide strategy for helping all students achieve important social and learning goals. We know that when good behavior and good teaching come together, our students will excel in their learning.

As part of the PBIS program, we have established several clear rules for the behavior we expect in all areas of our school. We explicitly teach those expectations to the students and reward them frequently with positive feedback and a variety of incentives for their great behavior. The expectations for all student behavior are clear throughout our building and playground areas, cafeteria, gymnasium and classrooms. You will be able to ask your child, "What are the rules in your school?" "How do you follow those rules?" "What happens when a teacher sees you follow the rules?"

Our school rules specifically address bullying behaviors, provide for a safer school environment and give more time for instruction. We apply consistent consequences and positive reinforcement for all kids. By detailing every expected behavior and teaching to kids in a positive way, we provide a common language for everyone in our building, including students, teachers, office staff and paraprofessionals.

We believe that by helping students practice good behavior, we build a school community where all students have an environment where they can succeed and grow.

At Granger School we-

Respect ourselves,
Respect others,
Respect learning and
Respect the environment.