

Student Support Newsletter

Madison County Charter School System

Multi-Tiered System of Support

In the Madison County Charter School System, we use the MTSS (Multi-tiered System of Support) model to meet the needs of our students, both academically and behaviorally. With this model, our schools each have initiatives that work to build behavioral, social, and emotional skills for all of our students. When students need more than the school-wide initiatives in order to be successful, we use various interventions in order to work on the specific skills that the student is needing in order to be successful. These interventions may include working with a small group for behavior or social skills, working individually with a staff member on specific skills. Your student's school counselor or administrators can give you more information on specific interventions that are commonly used at their school. A few of the Tier 1 school-wide behavior/SEL initiatives include:

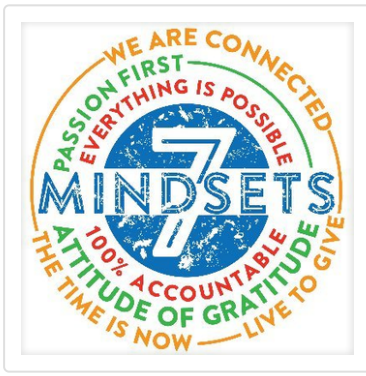
- 7 Mindsets
- PBIS School-wide & Classroom Expectations
- Stop, Walk, & Talk Bullying Curriculum
- No Place For Hate
- Speak Up Be Safe

What is PBIS?

PBIS is an acronym for Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports. All of our schools implement this system in order to best meet the needs of all of our students behaviorally and academically. PBIS focuses on building a positive school culture that teaches and reinforces appropriate behavior. Just like we teach skills for learning to read, we must also teach skills related to behavior. All school work throughout the year to teach behavior skills, along with Social-Emotional Learning skills (SEL). For more information on your student's school-wide PBIS expectations, please visit

<https://www.madison.k12.ga.us/curriculum-instruction/student-support/pbis/>





SEL & 7 Mindsets

Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) is the process through which children and adults acquire and effectively apply the knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions (Casel.org),

In our school system, we use the 7 Mindsets program to teach these skills using lessons tailored to themes within the following 7 Mindsets.

- Everything is Possible
- Passion First
- We are Connected
- 100% Accountable
- Attitude of Gratitude
- Live to Give
- The Time is Now

Mental Health

It is important to know the difference between mental health and mental illness. Mental health is something that we all must look after, just like we do our physical health. It is our state of mind with normal mood, performance, sleep patterns, and physical/social activity. Mental illness is something that disrupts the healthy mental state by interrupting how you feel, think, communicate, and behave. Using our SEL and PBIS initiatives, along with School Counseling programs, we strive to enable all of our students and staff with the ability to learn how to take care of their mental health. In times where a mental illness may be disrupting the mental health of a student, we have support professionals that can assist a family with resources to meet their mental health needs.

Purposity

Purpose + Generosity

Our school system has joined the Purposity team in order to help meet the needs of our students and their families. This app allows you to purchase an item for a person in need right from your phone. The item is then delivered within a few days to the family. This might be clothing needs, household items due to homelessness or crisis, school supplies, or just about anything else that a person might need during a crisis or economic situation. It allows our entire community to support one another! Visit [Purposity.com](https://www.purposity.com) for more information or



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