PBIS is a systems approach to establishing a social culture of behavioral supports for all children that promotes both social and academic success in school. Inappropriate behaviors and negative school climates are linked to loss of instruction, poor academic achievement, poor standardized test performances, increased dropout rates, and negative school climate.

The Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities has led the state in PBIS implementation within schools/districts since 2005. The Sherlock Center currently supports 60 schools, 13 Districts, and 18 Early Care and Education Programs. A Train-the-Trainer Model to support district-wide implementation began in 2009.

PBIS efforts in Rhode Island are having a positive impact by increasing social and academic outcomes. Schools implementing PBIS with fidelity have a significantly lower number of students who are referred for problem behaviors, and fewer students (2% vs. 10%) who need intensive, individualized, multi-agency support (see below).

PBIS and RTI (Response to Intervention) work hand-in-hand.

RTI is a continuum of academic supports for students who could benefit from extra support (see above). PBIS applies that same continuum to providing behavioral supports for students who could benefit from extra support. School-wide systems are established to support all students. PBIS supports the development of academic and social/behavioral skills needed to support optimal student success (see below).
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THE IMPORTANCE OF FIDELITY

A comparison of schools implementing PBIS with fidelity and schools not implementing with fidelity as measured by the SET (School-wide Evaluation Tool):

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<th>Schools Implementing with Fidelity</th>
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<td>Attendance</td>
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<td>AYP (Annual Yearly Progress)</td>
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<td>• 44% met AYP during same period</td>
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<td>Reading and Math Scores</td>
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