

## **Columbia Public Schools Positive Behavior Supports Purpose Statement**

Positive Behavior Support is a collaborative process for structuring the learning environment to support the academic and social success of all students. Clearly defined universal behavioral expectations and the resulting common language used by all community members across settings and buildings:

- Provides a unified teaching focus and maximizes efficiency of instructional time
- Increases use of appropriate behaviors
- Increases student time in academic instruction
- Supports a positive learning and working climate
- Creates a more predictable learning environment K-12
- Fosters improved communication among students, faculty, staff, parents and other community members
- Efficiently provides extra supports for at-risk student populations.

Therefore, Positive Behavior Support addresses all of the Columbia Public Schools Board of Education goals: increasing student achievement, eliminating the achievement gap, and increasing efficient use of resources.