Continuous Cooperation Connection
Behavior, Discipline and the Law

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VISION
To create a world-class educational system that gives students the knowledge and skills to be successful in college and the workforce and to flourish as parents and citizens

MISSION
To provide leadership through the development of policy and accountability systems so that all students are prepared to compete in the global community
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2. Every Student Graduates from High School and is Ready for College and Career
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4. Every School Has Effective Teachers and Leaders
5. Every Community Effectively Uses a World-Class Data System to Improve Student Outcomes
6. Every School and District is Rated “C” or Higher

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Our Session Goals:

- Identify possible side-effects of the current changing laws
- Identify Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)
- List the root barriers to appropriate behavior in the school setting
- Create solutions for changing behavior patterns in the school setting

Phones on Silent
Be Willing to Share With Others

Maybe there's someone who's a "Survivor" fan

Ask Questions
Are we good?
Be Respectful

Participation

Alliance

Tribe

Interview
KAHOOT

Students With A Disability

Discipline
**Mississippi Section 37-11-57**

No school personnel shall be granted immunity from liability for the use of corporal punishment on a student with a disability.

“Student with a disability” means a student who has an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) or a Section 504 plan under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.
What are possible side-effects of the passing of Mississippi State Law 37-11-57?

A side-effect is a secondary, typically undesirable effect.

1. Fold a sheet of paper in half (long-ways)
2. Write down possible side effects on one side.

What are some of the behaviors listed?
2. Did you list teacher or student behaviors?
3. If you listed student behaviors; on the other column of your paper list some possible teacher side-effects (vice-versa)
How do we know if a student is suspected to have a disability?

A local educational agency shall be deemed to have knowledge that a child is a child with a disability if, before the behavior that precipitated the disciplinary action occurred—
Suspected Disability

• The parent of the child has expressed concern in writing to supervisory or administrative personnel of the appropriate educational agency, or a teacher of the child, that the child is in need of special education and related services

• The parent of the child has requested an evaluation of the child pursuant to section 1414(a)(1)(B) of this title
The teacher of the child, or other personnel of the local educational agency, has expressed specific concerns about a pattern of behavior demonstrated by the child, directly to the director of special education of such agency or to other supervisory personnel of the agency.

How do we decide discipline for a student with a suspected disability?
A student with a suspected disability will have the same protections as a student with a disability until it is proven the student does not have a disability.

“The purpose of this review is to determine whether or not the child’s behavior that led to the disciplinary infraction is linked to his or her disability” (Manifestation Determination, 2017).
What factors are considered??

- If the conduct in question was caused by, or had a direct and substantial relationship to, the child’s disability

- If the conduct in question was the direct result of the LEA’s failure to implement the IEP
ss300.530.1415 Manifestation Determination

A manifestation determination must occur within 10 days of any decision to change the child’s placement because of a violation of a code of student conduct.

- Local Educational Agency
- Relevant members of the IEP Team
- Parent
Who decides “the relevant members” of the IEP Team?

- The LEA and the parent

Placement Decisions
The interim alternative educational setting (IAES) shall be determined by the IEP Team.
U.S. Department of Education Announces Initiative to Address the Inappropriate Use of Restraint and Seclusion to Protect Children with Disabilities, Ensure Compliance with Federal Laws
What is Seclusion?

The use of seclusion occurs in a specially designated room or space...The room or space used for seclusion may **not be locked** and **staff shall be present** to monitor the student.

What is Restraint?

Physical restraint is considered to be an emergency response after all other verbal and non-verbal de-escalation measures have failed in effectiveness.
“OSERS has long focused on improving results and outcomes for children with disabilities,” said Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services Johnny W. Collett. “Rethinking special education and challenging the status quo includes examining systems that keep us from making the kind of improvement we know is necessary. This initiative furthers our ongoing efforts to examine any practice that limits opportunities for children with disabilities.”

The Rifton Chair is a device to be used to assist a child in support and positioning.
We Are Required to
Teach Behavior!

Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports

A Child With A Disability
Developmentally Delayed (DD, up until age 10)
A hearing Impairment-Including Deafness (HI)
Visual Impairment -Including Blindness (VI)
Specific Learning Disability (SLD)
Other Health Impairment (OHI)
Orthopedic Impairment (OI)
Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)
A Child With A Disability

Serious Emotional Disturbance (EmD)
Speech or Language Impairment (LS)
Deaf-Blindness (DB)
Autism (AU)
Intellectual Disability (ID)
Multiple Disabilities (MD)

“SPED eligibility is much less the category & much more related to established educational need” (Sandler, 2015).
Behavior which interferes with success & learning must be understood in context along with how it impacts the person, primary environments & relevant others.

Challenging behavior is not limited to students with Autism, Emotionally Disturbed, Significant Cognitive Disability or any other specific developmental diagnosis. Challenging behavior can occur with any disorder or disability. It is not a symptom of any certain disorder or disability.
Challenging behavior more often represents a student's deficits rather than 'willful' or hurtful intent.

The best time to respond to challenging behavior is BEFORE it occurs (Sandler, 2015).
The Mississippi Department of Education and the State Board of Education supports a positive approach to behavior...

When teachers and administrators implement evidence-based positive behavior supports with fidelity, a safe and orderly school environment is created...
What Are We Supposed to Do??

Make a plan!

How are you going to increase positive behavior in your district?

How are you going to decrease target inappropriate behavior?

(Sandler, 2015)

What Are We Supposed to Do??

List a Barrier to achieving appropriate behavior in the school setting:

1. Follow link
2. Each team makes 1-3 entries

What Are We Supposed to Do??

1. Look at responses
2. Choose ONE barrier
3. Draw a box at the top of a piece of flip chart paper
4. Clearly write down the problem or solution to be explored.
5. Below the statement box draw five lines in descending order.

What Are We Supposed to Do??

6. Form a circle. One person holds the ball, states the problem, asks “WHY?” and throws the ball to someone in the group.
7. That person answers, then asks “WHY?”, throwing the ball to another.

Do this 3-5 times. Write down your responses.
What Are We Supposed to Do??

HOW?

We will repeat this process with asking “HOW?”

Take the Barrier which may be the ROOT Barrier and turn it into a solution.

Daily Challenges Facing Districts

Disconnects between teachers & students.

• Failure to recognize social cues & ‘normative’ behaviors.

• Instructional strategies which don’t connect with individual students.
  (Sandler, 2015)
Pervasive & persistent family & community stressors.

Static poverty & the ‘Intergenerational Progression’.

Teacher acting as ‘Parent/Caregiver.

(Sandler, 2015)

Reduced resources & experiences…learned misrules.
(Sandler, 2015)

With new learning, patterns of behaving can develop referred to as “misrules’. We can avoid this with careful planning in how to address the possible errors in learning students might make. (Colvin, 2018)
**Daily Challenges Facing Districts**

Differential role models & priorities.

A more transitory life style.

Sometimes unsafe schools & neighborhoods.

Social isolation.

*(Sandler, 2015)*

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**Creating Effective School Wide Environments**

Define, teach, & support appropriate behaviors.

*Enhance student academic & social success.*

Create & shape increased opportunities for desired & effective learning behaviors.
Instructional Differentiation & Curricular Adaptation are general education and special education responsibilities…\&…**Best Instructional Practice (Sandler, 2015).**

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**Creating Effective School Wide Environments**

*Develop a positive & supportive school ‘culture.’*
References


