**WHY?**

Students are, without a doubt, the top priority of Purvis Middle School faculty and staff. We are here to provide the best education that we possibly can. An added responsibility that we consider fundamental is helping each and every student attain certain valuable life skills.

**SUCCESS** is our goal for each and every student. This means consistently meeting all of the school-wide expectations.

In doing so, we hope to see students gain an autonomy that will pour over into all areas of their lives. **AUTONOMY** is a person’s independence; also, a person’s ability to govern or to control his/her own actions. (Random House Webster’s Unabridged Dictionary)

Another hope is that while striving to meet these expectations each student’s **SOCIAL SKILLS**, his/her ability to interact with others, will reach their full potential.

**HELPFUL TERMS**

PBIS
EXPECTATIONS
RESPECTFUL
RESPONSIBLE
SAFE
TORNADO TICKETS
NADER NOTABLE
SUCCESS
AUTONOMY
SOCIAL SKILLS

Additional terms you may encounter:

**MINOR INFRACTION** - a violation of a school-wide expectation which results in some mild disciplinary action (verbal reprimand, loss of privilege, short form, etc.).

**MAJOR INFRACTION** - a more serious violation of a school-wide expectation which results in a more firm disciplinary action (long form, referral to office, etc.)

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What is PBIS?

PBIS - “Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support"

PBIS is simply a system of recognizing, encouraging, and rewarding the positive behavior of at Purvis Middle School students. Students who follow a set of school-wide expectations for all areas of the school (classrooms, hallways, cafeteria, restrooms, etc.) receive recognition in the form of various rewards throughout the school year.

What are EXPECTATIONS?

EXPECTATIONS are behaviors that are expected from all students. For example, we are expected to throw trash into a trash can, so that is what we do.

Purvis Middle School’s Three School-wide EXPECTATIONS:

Be Respectful!
Be Responsible!
Be Safe!

Being RESPECTFUL means behaving in a ways that show consideration for people and for property.

Being RESPONSIBLE means choosing to do what you know is the right thing to do.

Being SAFE means making decisions that never put anyone at risk for harm or injury.

Rewards are intended to encourage positive behaviors, and ultimately decrease negative behaviors. Teachers give daily and weekly rewards in the form of verbal praise, homework or restroom passes, Tornado Tickets, small prizes, etc. Larger rewards are given monthly (popcorn party, movie, etc.) and by the semester (field trips) on a school-wide basis.

TORNADO TICKETS are small tickets awarded by teachers when students meet classroom expectations for the week. The tickets are collected for a weekly school-wide drawing giving students a chance at additional small prizes.

A NADER NOTABLE is a student who, not only meets the expectations, but also goes the extra mile to make a difference. These students are selected by teachers and given recognition over the intercom, in addition to having their names displayed on the “NADER NOTABLES” wall in the hallway outside the office.