High School Behavior Education Program (HS-BEP)

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Agenda

- Entry Task
- HS-BEP brief overview
- WHY the HS-BEP? High school completion rates
- Addressing the problem: the big messages from school retention literature
- Conceptual framework: SW-PBS and school retention literature
- Exemplar: Churchill High School, Eugene, OR
- Data
- Exit Activity

Objectives

- Attendees will:
 - Be able to summarize the basic components of the HS-BEP
 - Be able to summarize the guiding concepts of the HS-BEP,
 - Be able to describe one high school's implementation of the HS-BEP,
 - Be able to describe the trend of academic engagement for student participants in a recent HS-BEP research project.
 - Smile and enjoy themselves

Entry Task

- On a piece of scrap paper list the 4-5 tasks you must complete on Monday when you get back to the real world.
- Write the list so the easiest tasks are at the bottom and the most difficult tasks are at the top.
- Circle the task at the very top of the list.
- Write this task into your planner (You can pretend).
- Be prepared to share with the group

HS-BEP

- Secondary tier intervention for high school students that combines academic and social supports
 - Academic support: Explicit instruction and practices in seven foundation organizational skills and homework completion assistance.
 - Social support: Check-In Check-Out cycle.

HS-BEP Foundation Skills

- Planner
- Notebook
- Graduation plan
- Goal setting
- Tracking progress
- Test taking
- Study skills

Drop Out

- Approximately 30% of high school students fail to complete high school each year (Alliance for Excellent Education, 2007; Greene, 2002; United States Department of Education, National Center for Educational Statistics, 2007a).
- Interviews: academic failure, feeling disconnected from schools, content matter not relevant (Alliance for Excellent Education, 2008; Berktold, Geis, & Kaufman, 1998; Markow, & Scheer, 2002).

Drop Out

Characteristics:

- Academic failure (Allensworth & Easton, 2005;
 Balfanz, & Herzog, 2005),
- Problem behavior (Sweeten, 2006; Tobin & Sugai, 1999),
- History of grade retention (Allensworth et al, 2005),
- Poor teacher relationships (Barber & Olson, 1997)
- Low attendance (Balfanz, & Herzog, 2005; Jerald, 2006;
 Neild & Balfanz, 2006), and
- Diagnosed with a disability (NTLS-2, ; Wagner, Newman, Cameto, Levine, Garza, 2006).

School Retention Literature

- Adult feedback or interaction (Croninger & Lee, 2001; Dynarski, 2001; Fashola & Slavin, 1998; Hayward & Tallmadge, 1995; Kerr & Legters; Lee & Burkham, 2003; McPartland, 1994; Schargle & Smink, 2001; Sinclair, Christenson, Lehr, & Anderson, 2003; Thurlow, Christenson, Sinclair, Evelo, & Thornton, 1995)
- Increase home / school connection (Dynarski, 2001; Fashol & Slavin, 1998; Sinclair, Christenson, Lehr, & Anderson, 2003; Thurlow, Christenson, Sinclair, Evelo, & Thornton, 1995)

School Retention Literature

- Increase structure and predictability (Dynarski, 2000; Fashola and Slavin, 1998; Hayward and Tallmadge, 1995; Lee and Burkham, 2003; Sinclair, Christenson, Lehr, and Anderson, 2003)
- Both academic and social supports (Dynarski, 2001; Fashol & Slavin, 1998; Hayward & Tallmadge, 1995; Kemple, Herlihy, & Smith, 2005; McPartland, 1994; Schargle & Smink, 2001; Thurlow, Christenson, Sinclair, Evelo, & Thornton, 1995).

HS-BEP

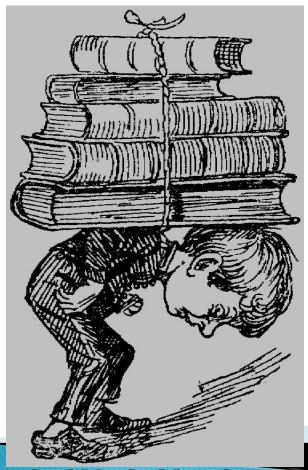
- Combines school–retention and PBIS concepts:
 - Increases adult feedback and interaction,
 - Smaller class size than typical content area classroom
 - Daily in-class check in
 - Small group instruction / support within class
 - Increases home school connection,
 - CICO card home component
 - Increases structure and predictability,
 - Self-management / academic access skills
 - Increases "conversation" between content area and HS-BEP teachers
 - PBS foundations: explicit expectations, frequent reinforcement
 - Combines academic and social supports.
 - HS-BEP curriculum
 - Class organization

HS-BEP Curriculum - Expanded by

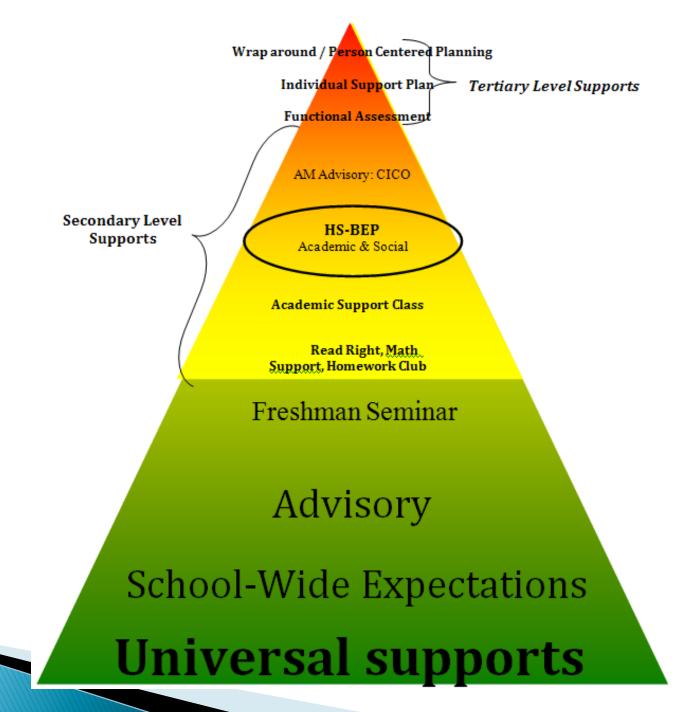
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Organization	Tracking Progress	Study Skills	Social Behavior	Goal Setting
Planner 101	Assignment Feedback		Parent Letter	Ladder Project
Notebook	CICO Card	Test evaluation	Employer feedback	Part of Daily Entry Tasks
Schedule review	Email project	Test taking tips	Active listening	Mid-term review
Backpack	How to write a friendly email letter	Habit of Mind	Multiple Intelligence (self-advocacy)	Grade Improvement Contract
Notebook scavenger hunt	Grade check-in	Note-taking	Learning Styles	Evaluate your Grades
Pump Up Your Planner	Transcript Review / Graduation Plan	Poster Project	Habit of Mind	Progress Report Review
Homework Expectations	Academic Seminar Reflections	Study Skills	PRIDE poster (SW- PBS)	
	Evaluate your Grades			
	Feedback Sandwich Activity			
	Progress Report Review			

Academic Seminar



Churchill High School Academic Support



Who Needs Academic Seminar?

Students who enter 9th grade with a "drop-out marker" (Jerald, 2006):

- Low attendance
- Poor classroom behavior
- Failing English
- Failing math
- Target 9th graders
- Students with and without IEPs



Basic Components

- Academic and Support
 - Organization
 - Study Skills
 - Homework Completion
- Social Support
 - Goal Setting
 - Tracking Progress



Connections between:

Students → Academic Seminar → Teachers

How Does Academic Seminar Run?

- Block Schedule: 85 minutes every other day
- Half HS-BEP Curriculum direct instruction/ Half homework completion
- Teachers using Best Practices in Special Education
- School wide PBS strong in the classroom

A typical day might look like.....



September 2, 2009

Today's goals: 1. Demonstrate active listening

2. Complete at least 1 missing

assignments

- D.E.T. / Warm-up: Write a story recounting what you did this morning up to get prepared for school, starting with the moment your eyes opened and ending when the first bell rang. Be descriptive
- Lecture with note taking: How to be an active listener
- Practice and Evaluate: Tell the story of your morning to a partner, then evaluate their listening skills
- Planner Popcorn
- Set homework goal
- Homework
- Exit write: Name an active listening skill that comes easily to you, and one you need to work hard at

Goals of Academic Seminar

- Students set goals and actively monitor their own behavior.
- Students learn about and practice accessing school resources.
- Students learn and are reinforced for "teacher-pleasing" academic and social behaviors.
- Students identify their personal pitfalls and strategize how to avoid them.
- Students experience a taste of success and feel supported!

Organization

Planner

- 1. Pump up your planner
- 2. Planner Popcorn
- 3. Calendars in our classroom
- 4. Poster Project

Notebook Organization

- 1. Notebook Checks
- 2. Positive Examples
- 3. Providing supplies



"....go to a calendar in the room and write 3 due dates into your planner...."



Students hard at work...



Finishing Art homework...



Tutoring and Homework Completion

- Text Books in Academic Seminar
- Clear work expectations, reflected in participation grade
- Communication with teachers (grade print-outs, hand-outs)
- Tutors (whenever possible)
- "No Homework?"



No Homework? You can....

- Do EXTRA CREDIT or MISSING ASSIGNMENTS!!!
- Study for a Test
- Check your GRADES online (write them into your planner).
- Check <u>Calendars</u> and <u>students in the same class as you</u> for assignments / projects / upcoming tests (write into your planner).
- Review information you learned in classes today (re-read notes, review handouts, chapter in book, etc.).
- Check Binders, backpack and books for unfinished work.
- Check the Big White Binder for your class schedule and grade reports, and consider if there is work to do in any class. (ex: {...to self, in head..} "OK, so I have French 1st period, and I could study my numbers and colors, I guess. Then I have algebra, and I have just 3 problems that I didn't finish in class. Forgot about those. I'll do that.").
- Make FLASHCARDS to memorize terms, vocabulary, etc. (great for Foreign Language, Science, English, Social Studies, sometimes Math).
- **Work on an Anchor Project** for extra-credit in Academic Seminar.
- Do an enrichment activity from the black crate
- t is not an option to NOT work. If you must be working, it is always best to well on something that will benefit YOU and your GRADES...

Extreme Focus!





Using flashcards for vocabulary



Students → Academic Seminar → Teachers

Teacher Communication

- Grade printouts/progress reports
- 2) Assignment calendars
- 3) Classroom handouts in Academic Seminar
- 4) Notebook that tracks student progress
- 5) CICO
- 6) Academic Seminar class lists out





- Students communicate with teachers using:
 - 1) **Emails**
 - **2) CICO**
- Academic Seminar connects with home support system and with teachers

Measuring Outcomes

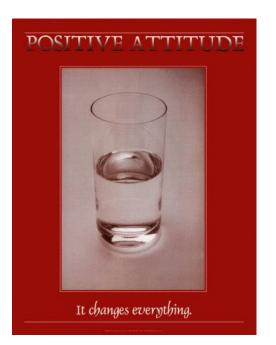
- Gauging climate through student behavior
- Pre and post surveys completed by students
- Academic Seminar grades
- Grades in other classes
- Teacher feedback
- SWIS and CICO data



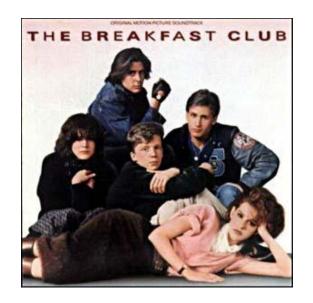


Key Components

- Communication with 9–10 Teachers
- Personalization
- Positive approach
- Having the support of Administrative Team
- Data for decision making
- On site Professional Development
- Collaborating with other educational programs



Challenges We Ran into...



- Scheduling
- Lots of students in the yellow zone in one class
- Identifying students for the program
- Tracking assignments
- Changes in program
- Students at various levels / different needs
- Finding consistent, trained tutors

Recent Changes...

- Last year:
 - CICO embedded in Academic Seminar
 - 1 section of Academic Seminar with CICO for students identified as having increased social behavior needs
- This spring semester:
 - CICO as separate class
 - Students dual enrolled in Academic Seminar and CICO class (AM Advisory)

AM Advisory

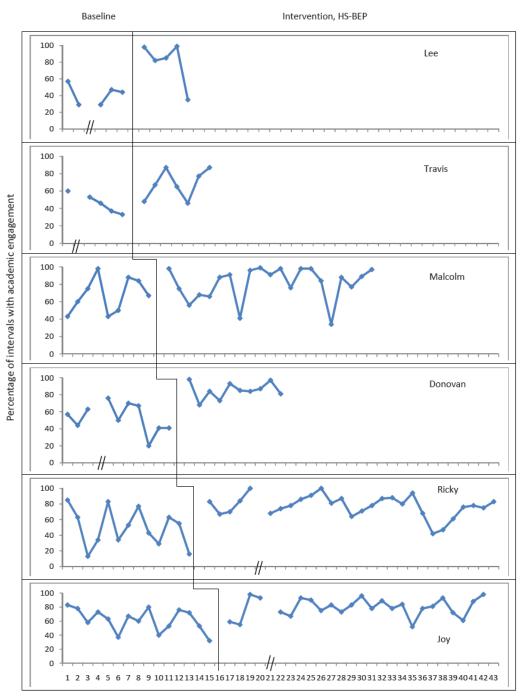
- "Step up" in supports from Academic Seminar
- Check-In Check Out period
 - Zero period
 - 20 minutes prior to 1st period
- Check in with coordinator
 - Check planner
 - Review goal(s)
 - Follow up on missing assignments

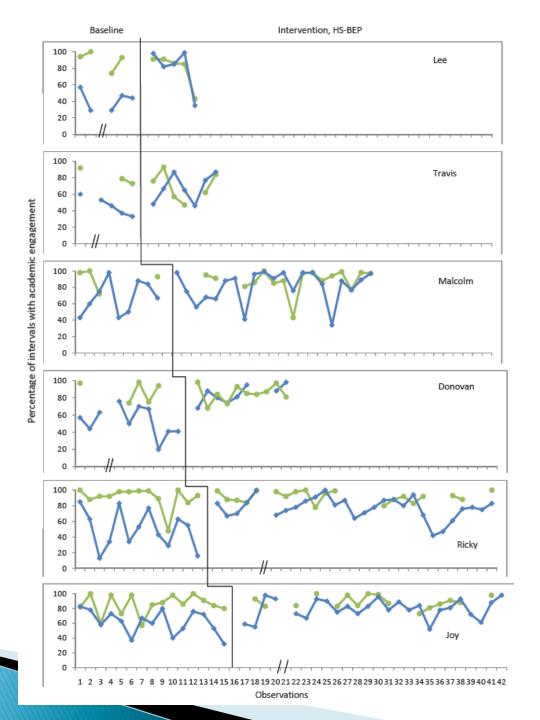
Check-in Check-out (CICO)

_	Date	Perseverance	Respect	Integrity	Discipline	Excellence	Initials	POSITIVE	Teacher Directions
Red 1	Teacher name	* Keep trying * Finish your work * Work the whole time * Stay positive	* Treat self and others with care * Clean up/Help out * Talk when appropriate	* Stand up for what's right * Do your own work * Practice honesty	* Be on time * Bring all required materials * Do your homework	* Do your best work * Think outside the box * Set goals and strive to meet them		Comments	1) Please rate th student's behavior in each PRIDE category
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	Date	Perseverance	Respect	Integrity	Discipline	Excellence	Initials	POSITIVE Comments	a positive comment about the student's behavior for the
Red 2	Teacher name	* Keep trying * Finish your work * Work the whole time * Stay positive	* Treat self and others with care * Clean up/Help out * Talk when appropriate	* Stand up for what's right * Do your own work * Practice honesty	* Be on time * Bring all required materials * Do your homework	* Do your best work * Think outside the box * Set goals and strive to meet them			day.
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	Date	Perseverance	Respect	<u>I</u> ntegrity	Discipline	Excellence	Initials	POSITIVE Comments	Student Directions
Red 3	Teacher name	* Keep trying * Finish your work * Work the whole time * Stay positive	* Treat self and others with care * Clean up/Help out * Talk when appropriate	* Stand up for what's right * Do your own work * Practice honesty	* Be on time * Bring all required materials * Do your homework	* Do your best work * Think outside the box * Set goals and strive to meet them			1) Please list the dates, your classes, and teachers in the spaces provided
	Class name	0 1 2	0 1 2	0 1 2	0 1 2	0 1 2	Point Total		2) Circle a PRIDE goal for each class for the day. 3) Bring your
	Date	Perseverance	Respect	Integrity	Discipline	Excellence	Initials	POSITIVE Comments	PRIDE card to every class and have each teacher fill it out
Red 4	Teacher name	Keep trying Finish your work Work the whole time Stay positive	* Treat self and others with care * Clean up/Help out * Talk when appropriate	* Stand up for what's right * Do your own work * Practice honesty	Be on time Bring all required materials Do your homework	* Do your best work * Think outside the box * Set goals and strive to meet them			and return it to you. 4) Add up your point totals at th end of the day,
	Class name	0	0	0 1	0	0	Point Total		get your parent/guardian to sign it and return the card t

Data from 2008-2009 School Year

- CICO Embedded in Academic Seminar class
- Routines in Academic Seminar mimic CICO cycle:
 - Individual check-ins with teacher during each class
 - Review of student goals
 - Adult follow-up on academic tasks





Participant	Class -	Assignments completed			
	Class	Pre-Intervention		Intervention	
Lee	Science	70%	13/43	NA	
Travis	English	17%	5/30	44%	7/16
	History	60%	27/45	56%	10/18
Malcolm	English	54%	19/35	67%	8/12
	Science	77%	33/43	N	А
Donovan	Health	70%	21/30	50%	4/8
	Algebra	55%	50/91	100%	7/7
	For all all	240/	7/04	450/	4/0
	English	21%	7/34	45%	4/9
Ricky	History	80%	12/15	67%	4/6
	Science	64%	27/42	63%	17/27
	English	64%	19/30	87%	14/16
Joy	Algebra	54%	19/35	21%	3/14
	Biology	50%	8/17	83%	5/6

Take Home Messages

- "Shrink" the triangle:
 - Increase structure, positive adult interaction, opportunities to practices skills correctly
- Utilize the messages from school retention literature:
 - increase credit accrual.
- Build on existing systems within the school.
- Have patience!

Thank You!

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Exit Task: Sum it up!





- 1.Write 2-3 new things you learned today.
- 2. Turn to the person next to you and share.
- 3.Be prepared to share with the entire group.

