

Research Based Insights:

Building a School Family



School Families: History

- Book Study: Conscious Discipline
- Behavior Trends
- Role Models
- Increase in low SES numbers



School Families: Purpose

- Develop relationships
- Opportunity for peer role models
- Social and emotional needs
- Encourage appropriate interaction with various adults
- A positive impact on school culture and climate



School Families: Getting Started

- To consider when grouping
 - Peer relationships
 - Heterogeneous mixtures
 - Staff/Student relationships
 - Siblings
 - At-Risk/IEP/Higher Needs—have 2 adults
 - 9-12 students in a family
 - From PowerSchool, numbered students 1-26, then sorted and made needed adjustments



School Families: Getting Started

- Lesson Planning- Leadership Team
 - Teambuilding
 - Character Education
 - Bully Prevention
 - Book Study
 - Holiday Activities
 - School Improvement Projects
 - Social Skills
 - Welcome/Goodbye Celebrations
 - Special Events—Mix-It Up, Play Day Lunches
 - Behavior Expectations
 - Wellness Committee



School Families: Implementation

- Family Binders

- Family Memberships
- Lessons
- Observation

- Family Day

- Built into building schedule
- 1 time a week
- 30 minute sessions
- Sample lesson



School Families: Feedback



Social Groups: Introduction

- Taking families to the next level
- Tier 2 support
- Opportunity to target assist
- Delivery methods



Social Groups: Comparisons

Circle of Friends

- Student led with guidance
- Friend selection: volunteer or selected based on need
- Student typically is identified with a diagnosis that effects social interactions
- In a classroom environment
- Reviewed at 4-5 weeks
- Celebrations & Goal

Small Group

- Counselor led
- Determined by a social attribute checklist
- Cross reference with administration for selection
- Pull-out environment
- 6-8 weeks, weekly for 20 minutes
- Student reflection survey



Social Groups: Resources

- Circle of Friends Framework
- Think Sheets
- Superflex
- Games



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