If you want it, teach it

“If a child doesn't know how to read, we teach.
If a child doesn't know how to swim, we teach.
If a child doesn't know how to multiply, we teach.
If a child doesn't know how to drive, we teach.
If a child doesn't know how to behave, we
... teach? ... punish?

Why can't we finish the last sentence as automatically as we do the others?

Tom Herner, 1998

Want to know more?

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Philadelphia Division - Early Intervention Center
3905 Ford Road, Philadelphia, PA 19131
(215) 879-5010
www.easterseals-sepa.org

Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning (CSEFEL)
http://csefel.vanderbilt.edu/

The National Center for Pyramid Model Innovations
www.challengingbehavior.cbcs.usf.edu/

Pennsylvania Positive Behavior Support Network
www.papbs.org

What PBIS Looks Like...

Eyes Front

Hold Hands

Walking Feet

Proud to be a member of the Pennsylvania PBIS State Network
Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS)

PBIS is a framework for supporting the social and emotional development of our students. The goal of implementing PBIS is to create an environment where every child feels good about coming to school. This is accomplished by designing classroom settings that promote engagement and by building positive relationships among students, families, and school staff. Through the process of PBIS, classroom staff will work together to ensure that children understand behavior expectations, receive instruction in social skills, and those with the most persistent challenging behavior receive individualized assistance.

Our Mission Statement:

Creating a positive, safe and respectful environment for learning.

Our Vision Statement:

At the EI Center, we will be an educational center that teaches by example. Respect, model, practice, and repeat.

We Value:

- Relationships with families
- A collaborative and holistic approach
- Honoring individuality

Our Behavior Expectations:

Be Safe

Be Kind

Be Helpful

What you say matters:

One of the biggest ways we can support children and promote positive behavior is to provide specific and positive directions.

Tell a child what to do instead of what not to do

Avoid

- “No hitting”
- “Don’t throw your truck”
- “No yelling”
- “No running”
- “No climbing”

Try this instead

- “Hands down, use your words”
- “Roll your truck on the floor”
- “Use a calm voice” or “Use an inside voice”
- “Walking feet”
- “Feet on floor”