

## What is P.B.S. (Positive Behavioral Support)?

PBS is a belief that when we teach children **how** to behave correctly, they **will!** The belief that by lessening behavior problems, more focus will be devoted to academics.

We believe that all Washington students and staff can act:

- Safe
- Smart, and
- Respectful

Through PBS, we teach the students the correct ways to be Safe, Smart, and Respectful in all school settings.

- “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 (NASDE President ) Counterpoint 1998, p.2)*

- How can we expect our students to behave correctly without first teaching them?
- We would never expect them to read without teaching them!