

# Ontario-Montclair

## School District

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The Ontario-Montclair School District is very proud to announce that eight of their outstanding schools were recognized as "2017 Gold Schools" and seven schools were recognized as "2017 Silver Schools" for their success with Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (PBIS).

**2017 Gold Schools:** Edison GATE Academy, Elderberry Elementary, Kingsley Elementary, Lincoln Elementary, Moreno Elementary, Oaks Middle, Ramona Elementary, and Sultana Elementary

**2017 Silver Schools:** Berlyn Elementary, Central Language Academy, Del Norte Elementary, Euclid Elementary, Haynes Elementary, Vernon Middle, and Vina Danks Middle

In 2016, both Sultana Elementary and Oaks Middle Schools were named "Gold School" making them double Gold recipients.

Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is a proactive approach to establishing the behavioral supports and social culture needed for all students in a school to achieve social, emotional and academic success. Research shows that school climate strongly influences students' motivation to learn and improve academic achievement. When school members feel safe, valued, cared for, respected, and engaged, learning increases. Essentially, a positive school climate provides the foundation on which instruction will occur and all students will learn, therefore, the implementation of positive behavior intervention techniques is paramount for our schools' and students' success.

For OMSD schools in Cohort 1, who have implemented PBIS for four years, behavior data has vastly improved. Suspension rates are down 12% and Office Discipline referrals have dropped over 32% over the last two school years. Consistency in a positive behavior culture is evident at schools implementing PBIS.

"Ontario-Montclair School District staff has worked collaboratively to establish a positive climate for students. As a team, we have incorporated a variety of interventions that promote making good choices, being respectful and responsible, as well as maintaining a great learning attitude. The Board of Trustees is very proud to receive these prestigious awards on behalf of our staff and students", stated Board President Elvia M. Rivas.

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