

Dating Violence Prevention & Intervention MTSS

BCPS is committed to providing the highest quality education in a safe, respectful and violence-free environment. Dating violence prevention and intervention efforts are embedded in a multi-tiered system of supports (MTSS). Tiers of support increase in intensity as individual student and school needs dictate. Below are some of BCPS's MTSS at the universal (Tier 1), targeted (Tier 2), and individual (Tier 3) levels. BCPS staff access resources at [the Resource SharePoint](#), Charter Principals at [Charter Hub](#), Charter staff and community members at [BrowardPrevention.org](#), or call the Equity, Diversity and School Climate Department at 754-321-1655.



Tier 3 Intensive individualized support for a FEW schools or students

All resources provided in Tier 1 and Tier 2, plus:

- **School-Based Intensive Interventions:** High intensity services such as the creation or change to a Behavior Modification Plan, referral to the Response to Intervention (RtI) Team, threat assessment, trauma informed care, mental health services, as well as law enforcement.
- **Referral to Community Services:** Referral to specialized victim or batterer services, agencies, or programs including law enforcement as needed.
- **Assessment:** Department conduct assessment with data review and make recommendations.

Tier 2 Targeted support for SOME schools or students

All resources provided in Tier 1, plus:

- **School-Based Interventions:** Interventions can include referral to a School Counselor and/or community agency, Investigative Designee referral and investigation, increased supervision, targeted social skills lessons, or Peer Counseling for conflict mediation.
- **Dating Matters/Safe Dates Curriculum:** This researched universal primary prevention curriculum teaches youth healthy relationship skills to reduce interpersonal violence. The curriculum is for grades 6 (6 lessons), 7 (7 lessons), and 8-10 (Safe Dates, 10 lessons).
- **Be the 1 Positive School Culture Initiative (PSCI):** A 3-year anti-violence MTSS initiative providing schools an outline and tools to embed school-wide, classroom, and individual interventions in a continuous improvement model.
- **Peer Counseling/Mediation:** Peer Counselors are trained to intervene with and mediate conflict (not bullying or dating violence) between students.
- **Specialized Staff Trainings:** Specialized trainings are provided by the department or community partners.
- **Specialized Prevention & Intervention Curriculum:** Curriculum from the BCPS List of Dating Violence Prevention Curriculum Programs is accessed as a school's behavior and data indicate (Get Real About Violence, Planting the Seeds of Prevention, Be the 1, Monthly Character Trait Newsletter/Lessons, diversity, classroom meetings, human trafficking).

Tier 1 Universal support for ALL Broward County Public Schools or students

- **Policy 5010 Student, Staff and Parent Training Modules:** Annual trainings lay the foundation for universal expectations and dating violence prevention for grades 6-12. They include the definitions of healthy versus unhealthy relationships, the damage dating violence causes, as well as how to help a friend in need.
- **Prevention Liaisons (PL):** Each school has a PL trained annually to disseminate prevention related materials.
- **Investigative Designee:** School-based administrator trained annually on how to receive and investigate dating violence reports.
- **Anonymous Reporting Methods:** Each school has multiple methods to make anonymous or confidential reports. Students are trained annually on how to do so.
- **National Observances:** Dating violence prevention is supported with observances (go to [BrowardPrevention.org](#) for a full list) such as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Prevention Month and Respect Week (February), National Youth Violence Prevention Week (April), Choose Peace Week, Take a Break 4 Peace Day (September), No Name Calling Week (January), and the Above the Influence March.
- **Data Collection Methods:** Needs and effectiveness of violence prevention efforts are assessed with data from school-based surveys, BASIS, YRBS, SESIR, DMS/BMS, and FYSAS.
- **Supporting District Policies:** Anti-Bullying Policy 5900, Social Media Use Guidelines, Code of Student Conduct, and Dating Violence Prevention Policy 5010 specifically prohibits dating violence by any District student.
- **Resources:** Materials (posters, brochures), lessons, activities, as well as PowerPoints with videos to raise awareness can be accessed by BCPS staff at the [Resource SharePoint](#), Charter schools at the [Charter Hub](#), community members at [BrowardPrevention.org](#), or by calling us at 754-321-1655.