



THE TROJAN CODE – PARENT CONNECTION SEPTEMBER 2017

The Trojan Code is Simsbury High School’s version of the Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) model, which you may have encountered earlier in your child’s Simsbury education (e.g. “The HJ Way”). PBIS is a school-wide, positive, proactive approach that supports healthy social behavior and promotes academic achievement for all students. PBIS involves teaching and supporting good behavior in order to prevent problem behavior and improve school climate for everyone in the school community. At SHS, a small group of teachers, administrators, and support staff make up the Trojan Code Committee, which meets throughout the year to promote our behavioral expectations and to continually evaluate the program’s effectiveness.

Be Respectful - Be Honorable - Be Responsible

PBIS at SHS is guided by three broad tenets: “Be Respectful, Be Honorable, Be Responsible.” These broad guidelines are tied to specific behaviors that we hope to see in particular school settings like classrooms, hallways, and the cafeteria. The specific expectations for each setting are spelled out in the **Matrix of Behavioral Expectations and Settings**, and are regularly reviewed and retaught by teachers and administrators. You can also see these expectations and associated behaviors posted throughout the building.

Trojan Code Tickets

An important piece of PBIS involves regularly recognizing students for engaging in appropriate behavior. At SHS the Trojan Ticket system is a way for teachers, administrators, and staff members to formally acknowledge students’ good behavior. Students are encouraged to turn their tickets in to boxes located in the Assistant Principals’ offices for raffle-type drawings that occur every two weeks. Students have a choice about whether to submit tickets to a drawing for a small prize or whether to submit the ticket for “**Pay It Forward.**” Students who choose to “Pay It Forward” submit tickets toward a charitable contribution, partially funded by local organizations such as the Simsbury Rotary Club. Last June, Simsbury High School donated \$570 to the Simsbury Food Pantry.

Please visit the Trojan Code webpage for more information, including the **Matrix of Expectations** and the **Trojan Code Handbook**. Go to www.simsbury.k12.ct.us and select “Trojan Code” from the menu on the right-hand side. You may also email trojancode@simsburyschools.net with any questions you may have.