THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA
OFFICE OF SCHOOL CLIMATE AND CULTURE

Bathroom Best Practices

Building leaders will establish and oversee the implementation of a sustainable and safe system for students to get to/from (and appropriately use) the bathrooms. The system should begin in the classroom and be reflected in signage, with staff monitoring it in the hallways as well! When students are safe, respectful, and responsible on the way to and from, and inside, the bathrooms, it is more likely that our facilities will remain clean, that hallways and restrooms will be free of horseplay, and that students will return to class in a timely fashion.

Bathroom procedures are paramount in a uniform and safe school. Bathroom usage will occur daily throughout our building. Students will utilize a pass and log system to transition from any class to the bathroom.

Review the following guidelines for helpful tips and resources to support your implementation.

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There are key elements that will help to support teams in developing signage in school buildings:

1. *Monitoring Hotspots*
    a. Review data to determine which (and when) areas need to be monitored.
    b. Plan to have more active supervision when returning from breaks (summer, winter, spring).
    c. Adjust the deployment plan to meet data-driven needs.
2. *Start in the classroom!*
    a. Bathroom logs
    b. Hall Pass System
    c. Limit # of students in the hallways & bathrooms:
        i. Teachers only allow 1-2 students out at a time.
3. *Signage & Reminders*
    a. Preferred behaviors/climate: e.g., Bathrooms are a clean & smoke-free zone
    b. How & Who students report equipment/functioning issues to
    c. Any school will have the following needs during Restroom visits:
        i. A need for physical and emotional safety.
        ii. A need to have a clean environment.
        iii. A need for all amenities to be fully stocked throughout the day.