Cheatsheet: The “Big 5” of Behavior Data for PBIS Teams
As a PBIS team, having access to behavior data for your school or district is helpful—but knowing how to use it to drive change for your students is critical. To unpack your data and better understand how to take action, try looking at it through the lens of the Big 5:

- **What** behaviors are being reported most frequently?
- **Where** are these behaviors being reported?
- **When** are these behavior referrals happening?
- **Who** are the students, or groups of students, demonstrating these behaviors?
- **How** often are these behavior referrals occurring?

By using the Big 5 together, your PBIS team can view behavior data holistically to evaluate the impact that Tier 1 supports are having for students and the school climate.

In this resource, we'll take a closer look at each of the Big 5 and share follow-up questions to guide your exploration of behavior data through this lens.
Follow-up questions:

- What replacement behaviors would we like to see?
- What’s our plan for teaching students how to engage in these replacement behaviors?
- How can we make sure we’re providing frequent, behavior-specific praise for these replacement behaviors?
- Where are these behaviors occurring?

Big 5 Dashboard: Behavior Incidents by Type

See the frequency of behavior incidents by type in the Behavior Analytics dashboard in Panorama Student Success.
Big 5 for PBIS Teams: Where

2. Where are these behaviors being reported?

This helps you understand where in the school buildings or on campus these incidents are occurring.

Follow-up questions:

- What do we know about these locations?
- How might aspects of these locations be impacting behavior?
- How can we serve students more effectively in these locations?
3. When are behavior incidents occurring?

Understanding the time of day, time of week, or time of year that you are seeing these behaviors can help you understand why the behaviors are happening and determine the best course of action for addressing them.

Follow-up questions:

- What activities are students doing at these times?
- What other activities or events are happening at these times?
- How can we serve students more effectively during these times?
4. Who needs our support?

Tier 1 supports are designed for all students. When behavior starts to get in the way of learning, it’s important to make sure that Tier 1 supports are in place with high levels of fidelity across all environments and all students. If Tier 1 is in place and students continue to struggle, some students may need targeted or individualized support at the Tier 2 or Tier 3 level.

Follow-up questions:

- Are many of the students being referred from the same grade, class, or demographic group?
- How do behavior incidents vary across student subgroups? What does this tell us about discipline disproportionality in our school or district?
- Are multiple students being referred for the same behavior?
**Big 5 for PBIS Teams: How**

5. **How often are these behavior incidents occurring?**

Looking at the increase or decrease in frequency of incidents over time can give your team visibility into the efficacy of interventions and programs.

**Follow-up questions:**

- Are these behaviors happening daily? Weekly? Monthly?
- Overall, is the number of referrals by semester or year increasing or decreasing?
- What does the number of referrals tell us about the progress of our interventions?

**Big 5 Dashboard: Behavior Incident Frequency**

See the overall frequency of behavior incidents by school, and for the district overall, in the Behavior Analytics dashboard in Panorama Student Success.

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