

Thumbs Up



FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

This is a positive reinforcement system that focuses on each student during a meeting the Principal and the teacher have every two weeks. During the meeting, each student is mentioned by name, and the teacher determines what recognition or intervention that student should receive. A student will receive either a Thumbs Up or a thumbs down. The criteria considered are : academic effort, behavior, social issues, emotional issues, and personal issues.

- ❖ Academic Effort - is the student giving each teacher his or her best effort in class? The criteria is not based on grades! Anytime there is an improvement from previous efforts, the student should earn a *thumbs up*.
- ❖ Behavior- *is the student in the beginning stages of a disciplinary procedure the teacher then would indicate a thumbs down. To be proactive with student management, we need to know when the students are just beginning to cause problems.*
- ❖ Social, Emotional, and Personal Concerns - the teachers consider whether each student is fitting in with his or her peer group as well as might be expected.

After all the names of the students have been read, the Principal and teacher will discuss the names that did not receive a thumbs up. After the discussion, it will be determined if the student receives Thumbs Up Certificate, or if the Principal needs to touch base and have a conversation about the issues that were discussed. The goal is for the faculty to be proactive in preventing poor academic and behavior performance, and recognize students for their efforts.

A certificate is given to each student receiving a Thumbs Up for that two week period. A special certificate will be given on their tenth thumbs up which displays Pope Francis giving the Thumbs Up sign.