



Too Good for Violence

Morrow County Schools

During the 2013-2014 school year, 501 Morrow County elementary school students participated in the Too Good for Violence program. This included kindergarten through fifth grades students from Northmor Elementary School, as well as fifth grade students from Mount Gilead Elementary School.

The curriculum focuses on strengthening four social competency areas:

- emotional skills
- social skills
- social behaviors
- inappropriate social behavior

Program Highlights

Teachers reported statistically significant improvements in all four social competency areas:

- emotional skills
- social skills
- social behaviors
- inappropriate social behavior

Teachers reported that students in the program demonstrated significant improvement in each of the four social and emotional competencies. Results are based on pre-post behavioral observation checklists completed by classroom teachers.

Teachers observed the following improvements:

- Improved emotional skills (73.6%) including using “I messages” to share feelings and displaying an “I can do” attitude.
- Improved social skills (68.0%) such as treating others with respect and resolving problems with other students on their own.
- Improved social behaviors (71.1%) including saying “I’m sorry” when appropriate and taking turns, sharing, and playing fair.
- A decrease in inappropriate social behaviors (42.7%). Behaviors included pushing and shoving, teasing and making fun of, or yelling at other students.

Overall, classroom teachers reported 76.3% of students improved in two or more of the four social competencies and that 59.8% of students improved in three or more.

Program Satisfaction

Teachers reported high levels of program satisfaction. More than 85% of teachers who received Too Good For Violence in their classrooms thought that the program was a valuable experience for their students and were satisfied with the program presented.

Quotes:

- *I feel this program helps kids in using words to describe how they are feeling and the correct ways to solve a conflict.*
- *The students enjoy this program and use the skills they learn.*
- *This is a great age-appropriate activity for these students to review and learn good social skills and ways to express themselves appropriately.*



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