# Positive Behavior Support (PBS)

**Positive Behavior Support** is a District-wide behavior initiative that is implemented by schools to improve student behavior and is based upon seven Essential Components:

1. Administrator support, participation, and leadership
2. Common purpose and approach to discipline – The Team Process
3. Define positive expectations (for all students & staff)
4. Procedures for teaching expected behaviors
5. Continuum of procedures for encouraging expectations
6. Continuum of procedures for discouraging inappropriate behavior
7. Procedures for ongoing monitoring and evaluating effectiveness of the PBS system
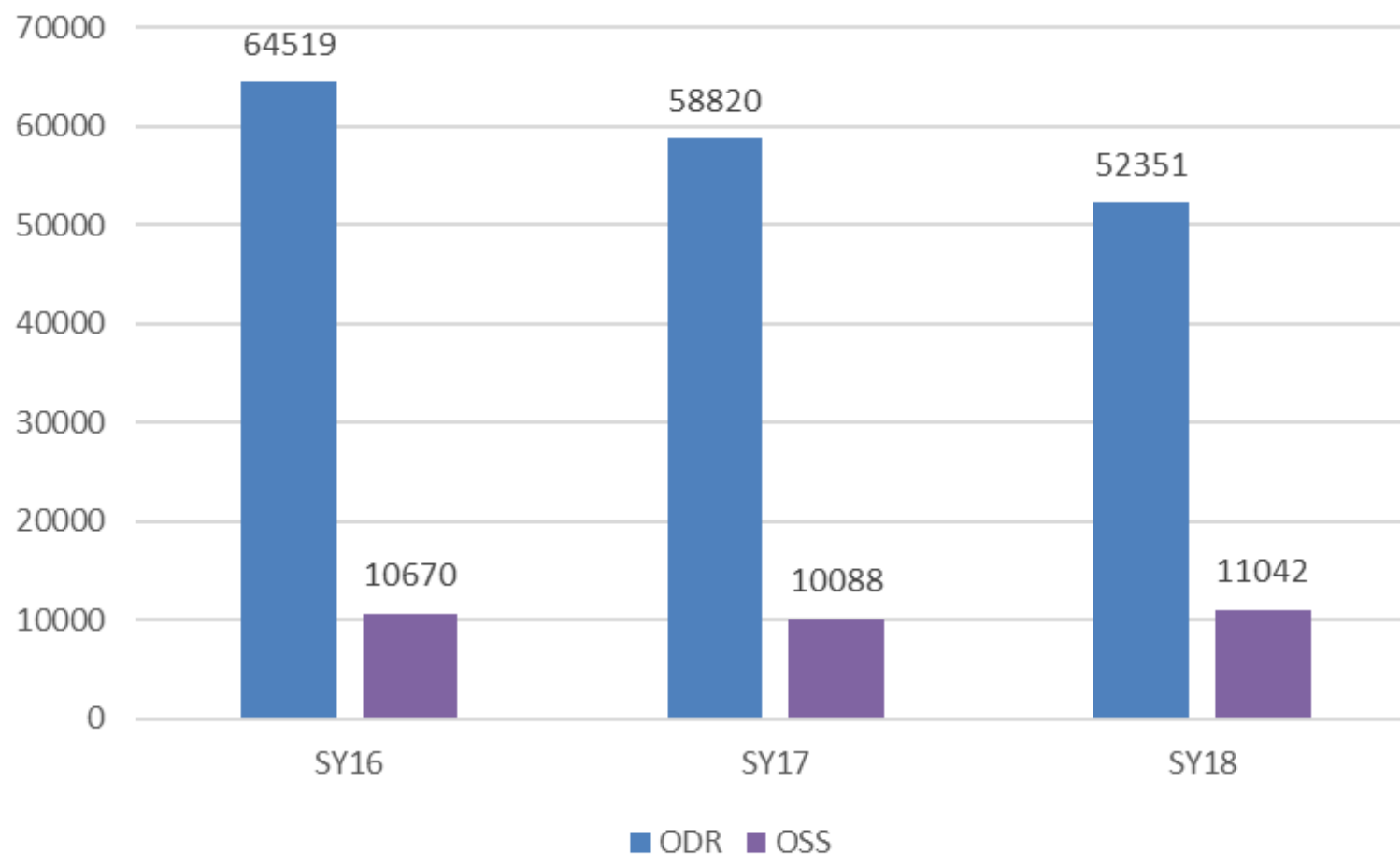
Principles that Guide PBS and support Objective 1 from Strategic Plan:

- o Focus of discipline is on academic & behavior success
- o Is for all students, all staff, and all settings
- o Emphasizes prevention
- o Uses research-validated practices
- o Is coordinated by a PBS Team at each school
- o Emphasizes an instructional approach
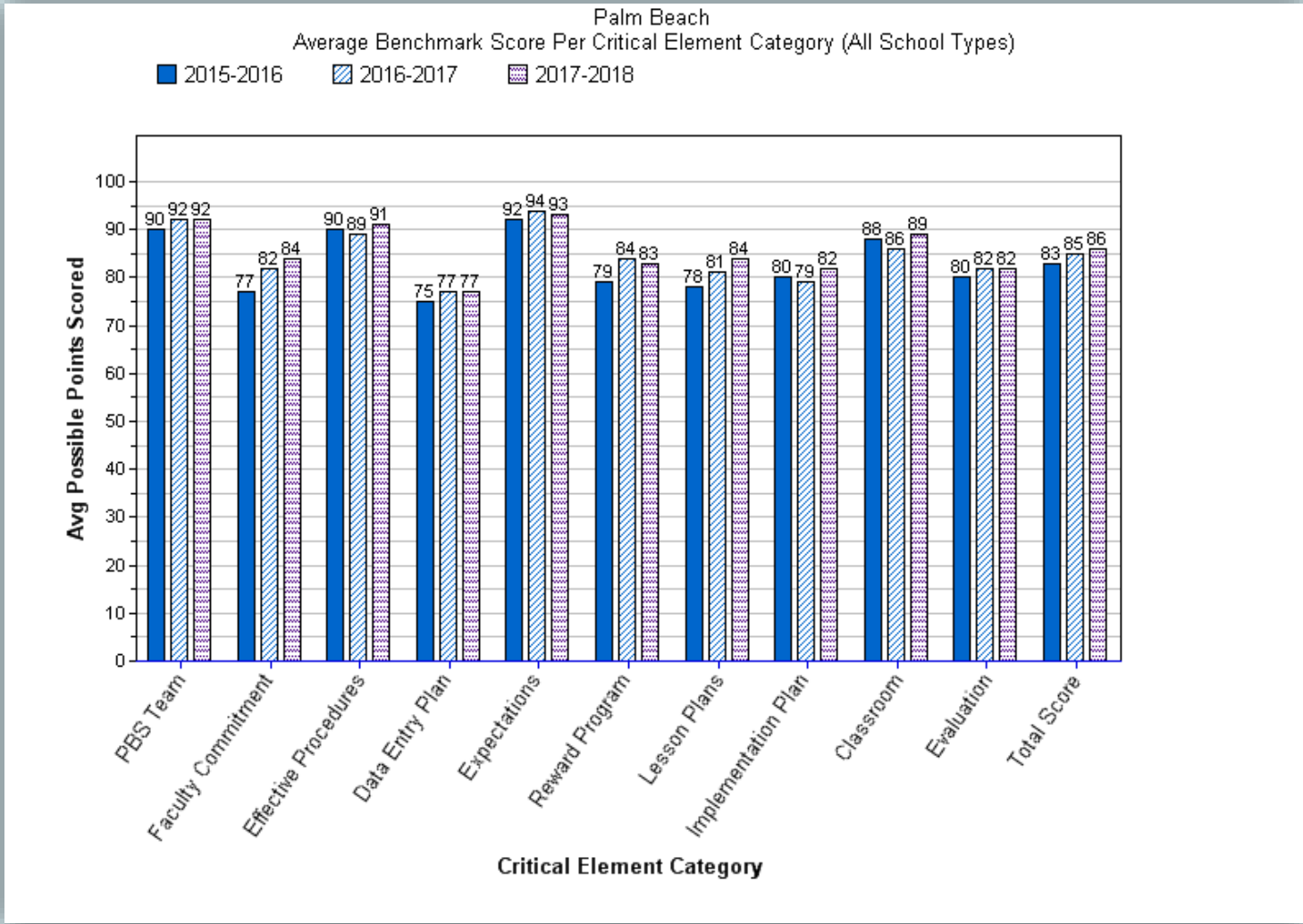- o Uses data to guide decisions

Implementation of the PBS framework supports Objective 1 in that the focus is on preferred behaviors, intervention, and prevention. Schools select 3-5 guidelines for success (character traits), known as the "Universal Guidelines". The PBS Team, gathers faculty input and creates a matrix defining the behavioral expectations for the campus.

These expectations are posted for visibility around campus and are taught to become a common language among all staff and all students. In the 2017-2018 school year, **26** schools were recognized as Model Schools by Florida's Positive Behavior & Intervention Support Project (FLPBIS).

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The chart above depicts District-wide discipline data, with a steady decrease in reduction of overall Office Discipline Referrals (ODR). From the 2017-2018 school year, the District had a slight increase of 9% in OSS days.

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Average Benchmark Score Per Critical Element Category (All School Types)

The chart above depicts PBS end of the year evaluation & monitoring tool Benchmarks of Quality (BoQ) results. As per FLPBIS, average scores of 80% or higher are indicative of high PBS implementation

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