

A Family Guide to Bolton Center School's Top Dog


What is it?

Top Dog is a component of our school-wide PBIS model and a way to positively recognize students beyond the classroom. The goal of this recognition is to increase positive behavior by providing specific and timely feedback to students. Students will have a clear understanding of why they are being recognized and what behaviors were identified to receive the praise. Students will receive a small certificate from their teacher or specials teacher. The certificates will be displayed on the bulletin board by the cafeteria and some will be read aloud during the morning announcements. When the board is filled the certificates will be sent home.

How does it work?

Congratulations for being a Top Dog!

From: _____



When a teacher catches a student acting like a Top Dog the teacher will let the student know right away. The student will get a sticker and a certificate explaining what he or she did to be recognized. The teacher will then post the student's name on the Top Dog poster that hangs outside the classroom. This will let other students and staff know that he or she has had a Top Dog moment. Each teacher may post names differently but everyone

in the school will be looking to see who they can compliment. There will be times when the office calls down all Top Dog students to bring their certificates to the office and have their picture taken.

Who gives out Top Dog certificates?

- ☐ Classroom teachers
- ☐ Specialists

How many Top Dogs will there be?

This will change and be different from room to room. Some weeks there might be one, and other weeks there may be more. A

student can receive the Top Dog recognition more than once in a school year.

