

"To belong, one has to be seen. To be significant one has to contribute. In its profound simplicity and deep complexity, the Circle provides the means for everyone to belong and to be significant."

Circle Forward: Building a Restorative School Community.



RESTORATIVE JUSTICE WEEK!

RESTORATIVE PRACTICES IN SCHOOLS

The Benefits of Restorative Approaches in School Settings:

- A safer, more caring environment.
- More effective teaching and learning.
- A commitment to take the time to listen to one another.
- A reduction in bullying and other interpersonal conflicts.
- Improved response to inappropriate behaviour by reconnecting young people.
- Reductions in suspensions & expulsions.
- Increased staff confidence for dealing with challenging situations.



Restorative practices are about building and restoring relationships. The focus is on repairing the harm instead of what rule has been broken and what consequences will be imposed.

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What are restorative practices?

PRACTICES THAT INVOLVE THE BUILDING OF POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS THAT ESTABLISH A SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT WHICH IS FAIR, CONSISTENT AND COLLABORATIVE.



A Restorative Approach...

- Encourages students to understand the impact of and appreciate the consequences of their actions.
- Provides an opportunity for those harmed by another's actions to share their personal experience.
- Requires students to be accountable for their actions.
- Encourages respect for all concerned and develops empathy for others.
- Views conflicts as opportunities to learn through problem solving.

Additional Resources for Educators:

- Provincial government Restorative Justice resource:
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/justice/criminal-justice/bcs-criminal-justice-system/understanding-criminal-justice/restorative-justice>
- Restorative Justice in Schools Resources (San Francisco Unified School District):
<https://www.healthiersf.org/RestorativePractices/Resources/index.php>

Key restorative questions you can use:

1. What happened, and what were you thinking at the time?
2. What have you thought about since?
3. Who has been affected by what happened and how?
4. What about this has been the hardest for you?
5. What needs to be done to make it right?