Implementing Restorative Practices

Brazosport ISD
- Encompasses 200 square miles in Brazoria County
- Serves 7 communities
  - Lake Jackson
  - Clute
  - Richwood
  - Freeport
  - Jones Creek
  - Oyster Creek
  - Surfside
  - Quintana

Restorative Discipline Coordinator Training
November 12-16, 2014
University of Texas School of Social Work Institute for Restorative Justice and Restorative Dialogue
Goals of Restorative Practices:

1. **ACCOUNTABILITY**: Students have an opportunity to be accountable for the harm caused as well as the opportunity to repair the harm.
2. **COMMUNITY SAFETY**: Students are empowered to help resolve conflict and maintain an environment where the work of the school can happen.
3. **SKILL DEVELOPMENT**: Restorative practices works to address the underlying factors that lead people to cause harm and give students tools for creating and maintaining community.

**Restorative Practices in BISD:**

Defined in our Student Code of Conduct as: A relational approach to building school climate and addressing student behavior that fosters accountability, community safety, and skill development. Applications include restorative circles, restorative chats, and victim-offender mediation.

Included within our Student Code of Conduct as a

- Tier 2 behavior support option
- Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3 consequence option

**RD in our PBIS Plan**

School-Wide Systems for Student Success: A Response to Intervention (RTI) Model

Multi-Tiered Systems of Support for Behavior

12,280 Students...233 DAEP Referrals
RD in our PBIS Plan

School-Wide Systems for Student Success: A Response to Intervention (RTI) Model

- 3%
- 16%
- 81%

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Circles

Will's Story

7th & 8th Grade

9th - 12th Grade

Brazoswood

Brazosport
Structural Elements of a Circle

- Seating all participants in a circle
- An Opening such as a quote, poem or song lyric
- Centerpiece that communicates the topic
- Talking piece
- Identifying Values
- Guiding questions
- Agreements (If the Circle is making decisions)
- Closing such as a quote, poem, or song lyric

Circle up!

- Explanation of Values
- Explanation of Centerpiece
- Explanation of Talking Piece
- Opening
- Rounds
- Closing

Circle Demonstration
References

- University of Texas Institute for Restorative Justice & Restorative Dialogue, School of Social Work, Austin, Texas
- Dr. Marilyn Armour, University of Texas, Austin, Texas
- Stephanie Frogge, University of Texas, Austin, Texas
- Ed White Middle School, North East Independent School District, San Antonio, Texas
- Oakland Independent School District, Los Angeles, California

Resources
- Restorative Chat
- BISD Restorative Agreement Form
- Parent Letter
- Circle Guidance for Adult Participants

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