

Parent Guide



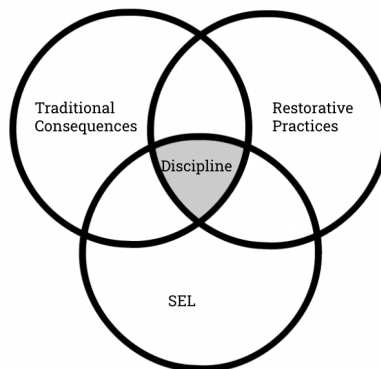
Restorative Practices

Goals of Restorative Practices

1. create healthy relationships between students and faculty
2. foster a sense of belonging
3. foster common understanding of the impact of our behavior
4. create a way for us to learn from our mistakes
5. seek to repair harm done to relationships
6. attend to the needs of persons harmed and the school community as a whole

Restorative Practices Defined

“The fundamental hypothesis of restorative practices is that human beings are happier, more cooperative and productive, and more likely to make positive changes in their behavior when those in positions of authority do things with them, rather than to them or for them” (Costello, Wachtel & Wachtel).



Community & Content Circles

- used to develop relationships and build a sense of community within the classroom
- provide an opportunity for those to speak who ordinarily aren't given a voice or struggle to find their voice
- help to build connections among students that will provide a pathway for healing when conflicts arise

The aim of restorative practices is to create a sense of belonging and to manage conflict by repairing harm and relationships.