

RESTORATIVE STRATEGIES INITIATIVE



SARASOTA
County Schools



IMPROVING THE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT THROUGH HEALTHY CONVERSATIONS

Goals

- Establish a safe school culture
- Reduce inappropriate behaviors
- Promote academic engagement
- Increase empathy and accountability
- Decrease suspension rate



Overview

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Feeling insecure at school is a major reason students skip school, perform poorly or behave badly. The Restorative Strategies initiative is an environment where students learn to feel safe and confident by expressing their feelings and understanding how their actions affect others.

Restorative Strategies help students learn to choose appropriate behaviors, to resolve interpersonal issues before they develop into behavior problems and to mitigate the harm done when conflicts do occur.

In schools where Restorative Strategies are fully implemented and practiced, students feel safer and more connected to their school and their peers than they did before the program started. Attendance, engagement and behavior improve. Fewer students are suspended.

Benefits

Reduce

- Disruptive behavior
- Conflict
- Bullying
- Suspensions

Improve

- Behavior
- Learning
- Attendance
- Relationships

Develop

- Responsibility
- Accountability
- Empathy
- Conflict resolution skills

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