



Restorative Practices: Fostering Healthy Relationships & Promoting Positive Discipline in Schools

A Guide for Educators

“While conflicts of which I’ve been part often began with raised voices and closed ears, through restorative approaches they have ended in smiles, handshakes, and hugs. This seems ultimately more healthful for interpersonal relationships and overall school culture than traditional, reactionary disciplinary measures.”

– Allison, High School Math Teacher

Educators across the nation recognize the importance of fostering positive, healthy school climates and helping students learn from their mistakes. Increasingly, they are partnering with parents, students, district officials, community organizations, and policymakers to move away from harmful and counter-productive zero-tolerance discipline policies and toward proven restorative approaches to addressing conflict in schools.

This new toolkit will help educators better understand precisely what restorative practices are and how their implementation fosters safe learning environments through community building and constructive conflict resolution.

“Restorative Practices: Fostering Healthy Relationships & Promoting Positive Discipline in Schools” was developed by Advancement Project, National Opportunity to Learn Campaign, American Federation of Teachers and National Education Association.

The toolkit illustrates how restorative practices can be seamlessly integrated into the classroom, curriculum and culture of schools, and how they can help transform schools to support the growth and health of all students.

This toolkit includes concrete models, frameworks and action steps for school-wide implementation. It also includes guiding questions to support reflection for practitioners looking to make restorative methods part of the fabric of daily life in their schools.

Topics Covered:

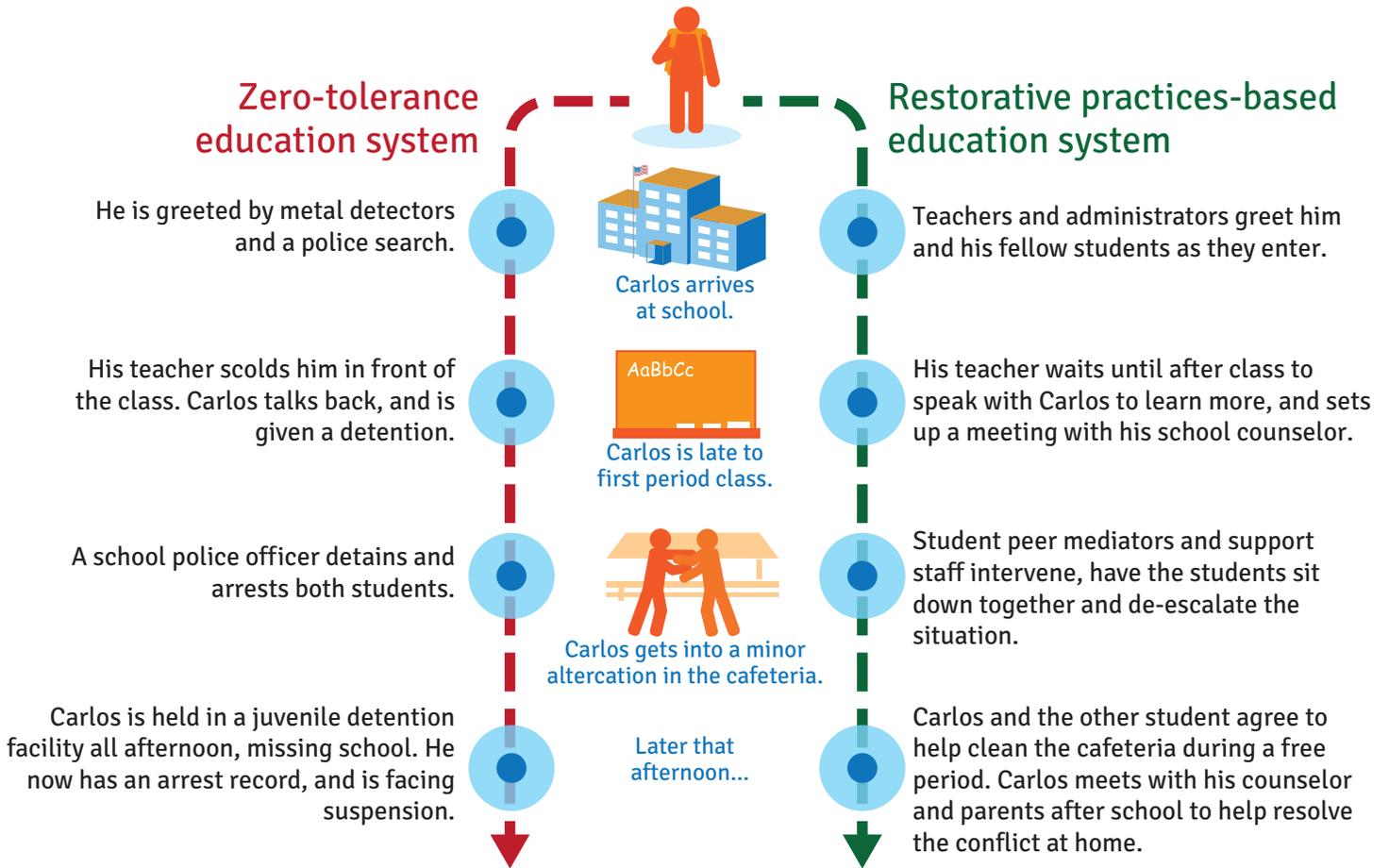
- Why Restorative Practices?
- Types of Restorative Practices
- Implementing Restorative Practices in Your School
- Action Steps for Practitioners to Support Restorative Practices
- Examples of Districts and Schools that Employ Restorative Practices

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A Tale of Two Schools

Carlos had a heated argument with his parents before leaving for school, so he's running late. Let's see the difference that school discipline policies and practices make.



Types of Restorative Practices Explained in the Guide:

Restorative Justice

Community Conferencing

Community Service

Peer Juries

Preventative and Post-Conflict Resolution Programs

Peer Mediation

Informal Restorative Practices

Social-Emotional Learning

Shared Responsibility

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