

TEACHING TOLERANCE



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TOOLKIT

Get Started Using Restorative Inquiry

Restorative Justice is all about inquiry. Below are some of the questions that might trigger an effective conversation among students.

Whether social restoration or self-restoration is your goal, these questions will help you guide the conversation.

Social Restoration

- Tell me what happened. What was your part in what happened?
- What were you thinking at the time?
- How were you feeling at the time?
- Who else was affected by this?
- What have been your thoughts since?
- What are they now?
- How are you feeling now?
- What do you need to do to make things right? Repair the harm that was done? Get past this and move on?
- What can we do to support you?
- What might you do differently when this happens again?

Self-Restoration

- Tell me what's been happening. What has not been working for you?
- What are you thinking about this situation?
- How are you feeling about this situation?
- How is this getting in the way of your learning? Feeling okay about school? Being the person you want to be at school?
- What do you need to learn/to do to make things better? Make things right? Reset and get back on track?
- What can we do to support you?
- What might you do differently the next time you find yourself in this situation?