

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAM

When students commit crimes, their actions affect our entire community. In order to right that wrong KCUSD in partnership with community organizations, offers a Restorative Justice Program. In alignment with current education code, KCUSD is committed to providing an opportunity for students to be held accountable in a system that holds an expectation for students to learn justice through restored relationships. The Restorative Justice Program creates a program that ultimately brings victims and offenders together to openly examine what occurred; and in that examination to create an agreement that provides appropriate restitution as well as a bond designed to prevent offenders from committing further crimes. Because community involvement is the key to restitution, the local community takes ownership of its youth, guiding them in a structured process that is more expedient – and usually more effective – than the overburdened judicial system.



BENEFITS OF THE PROGRAM

The Restorative Justice Program will provide students with the opportunity to:

- Take responsibility for their actions and involvement in an offense
- Work out a written agreement for the restitution that is due.
- Get over the offense by “making it right” with the victim directly.

HOW IT WORKS

- Participation in the program requires the consent of all parties. The meetings are organized by a neutral, trained volunteer, who is present to facilitate communication.
- A case must be referred by the case officer who determines that the case is appropriate for the Restorative Justice Process.
- The mediator will discuss how the process will go with each participant separately.
- A meeting with the victim and the offender will then occur. The mediator will set ground rules for you both to share experiences to recognize the injustice.
- Together a plan will be determined to restore equity (make things right as possible).
- You will be asked to commit to the plan and determine how you will be held accountable.
- The mediator will follow up with you.