

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF HAVING PEER MEDIATION IN YOUR SCHOOL?

SCHOOL STAFF

- Staff spends less time settling disputes
- Decreases the pressure on teachers to serve as constant disciplinarians
- Reduces tension among staff and students
- Improves overall school climate through better student-staff relationships

STUDENTS

- Become active in the problem-solving process
- Are lead to greater commitment to making solutions work
- Are provided with positive role models for solving conflicts
- Assume greater responsibility for solving their own problems
- Recognize that adult intervention is not always necessary
- Mediation process encourages students to share their feelings and search for constructive ways to meet their needs

FAMILIES

- Mediation process carries over to families
- Peer Mediators use their problem solving skills at home with their siblings and significant others

MEDIATORS

- Develop leadership
- Enhance note-taking and summarizing skills
- Increase their self-esteem
- Learn communication skills and problem-solving techniques valuable in many situations
- Influence other students in a positive manner



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WHAT IS THE PEER MEDIATION PROGRAM?

In peer mediation, student mediators are taught a process of communication and problem-solving that they apply to help their peers reach settlements of their disputes without confrontation and violence.

WHAT KIND OF DISPUTES DOES PEER MEDIATION HANDLE?

- Rumor and gossip
- Relationship difficulties/harrassment
- Racial and cultural confrontations
- Minor assaults and fights
- Cheating and stealing
- Vandalism
- Classroom or extracurricular disputes

WHO ARE THE STUDENT MEDIATORS?

Student mediators are representatives of your school. The students are selected and trained in Conflict Resolution and Neutrality.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF PEER MEDIATION TRAINING?

- Improves school climate
- Resolves student conflicts
- Motivates students to resolve their conflicts collaboratively
- Engages all students, even those considered “at-risk”
- Deepens the educational impact of school
- Creates more time for learning
- Empowers students
- Increases self-esteem
- Gives students greater insight
- Expects the best from students
- Teaches essential life skills
- Builds students’ conflict resolution skills through real-life practice
- Provides leadership and communication skills

WHY SHOULD I USE THE PEER MEDIATION PROGRAM?

Peaceful resolution of conflicts help prevent problems from escalating.

Mediation involves everyone’s input, and students make their own settlements.

Mediation allows students to take responsibility in resolving their own conflicts in a peaceful manner.

Our Peer Mediators reduce student



conflicts at recess and on campus!