

# Restorative Practices in the Classroom

Curriculum and Instruction Committee
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#### **Priorities**

Each pillar and priority
work together in a
coherent system to
provide an
exceptional education
program to ensure all
students graduate
ready for the world.



### Pillar 2C



#### **Strong Social-Emotional Skills**

Joy and Wellness

#### **OUR PRIORITY**

Cultivate and model strong social-emotional skills

#### WHY THIS MATTERS

Social-emotional skills will enable students to learn and positively contribute to the broader community

#### STRATEGIES

- Provide varied professional development opportunities focused on deepening staff knowledge, skills, and dispositions to support students' social and emotional needs
- Integrate social-emotional learning into instruction and provide effective, evidence-based curricula to support social development
- Expand access to resources and curricula to build capacity of families, staff, and community members to support students, particularly for those transitioning to elementary, middle, or high school

- Develop school awareness and use of practices that support positive individual wellness and model effective behaviors for students
- Create opportunities for students to demonstrate and apply positive socialemotional behaviors at school and in other social interactions
- Develop portfolio structures by June 2023 to monitor and measure students' application of social-emotional learning competencia
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#### **Division of School Operations**

Every School Safe: A Blueprint for Safety

### Notification and Communication Systems

- · LASAR App
- LAUSD Emergency Alert App
- Blackboard Connect
- Parent Portal and Mobile App

### Partnerships and Community Building

- Health and Wellness Services
- Adult Mentorship
- Safe Passage
- Safety Collaboratives
- Public Safety Partners

#### Integrated Safe School Plan (ISSP)

The ISSP provides prevention, preparedness, and response protocols for emergencies, including natural disasters.

- · Schools conduct monthly emergency drills.
- The 2023-2024 update includes six new training modules to be delivered to students, staff, and parents.

#### Campus and Environmental Safety

- District Policies
- Dedicated Personnel
- Safe School Inspections



#### **Student Health and Wellness**

**Every School** 

-Safe-

- School-based Psychiatric Social Workers
- Wellness Centers and Mental Health Clinics
- Wellbeing Centers
- Mental Health Evaluation Team (MHET)
- Peer advocates

#### Positive Behavior Support

LA Unified's Discipline Foundation Policy (DFP) is based on a nationally-recognized, evidence-based Positive Behavior Intervention and Support framework and Restorative Practices.

 School-level implementation measured by the Tiered Fidelity Inventory (TFI).



### ESS Blueprint 2024 - 2025



August 2024 Due: September 25, 2024	September 2024 Due: October 23, 2024	October 2024 Due: November 20, 2024	November 2024 Due: January 15, 2025	December 2024 No Topic For This Month	January 2025 No Topic For This Month
Creating Welcoming Environments (Intended Audience: All school employees, parents, and students)	Suicide Awareness and Prevention (Intended Audience: All school employees, parents, and students)	Substance Use Awareness/Fentanyl (Intended Audience: All school employees, parents, and students)	De-Escalation and Restorative Practices (Intended Audience: All school employees, parents, and students)		
February 2025	March 2025	April 2025	May 2025	June 2025	
Due: February 26, 2025	Due: April 30, 2025	Due: May 28, 2025	No Topic For This Month	No Topic For This Month	
Administrative Investigations (Intended Audience: Administrators Only)	Breaking the Silence Child Abuse Awareness (Intended Audience: All school employees)  Grooming and Online Grooming Awareness (Intended Audience: Parents, and students)	Cyber Security (Intended Audience: All school employees, parents, and students)			

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### What is PBIS/RP?

Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS)

Restorative Practices (RP)

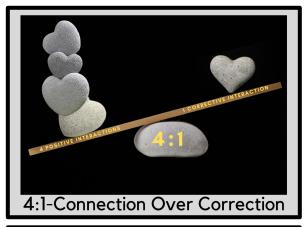
## Proactive, evidence-based approaches to discipline that promote equity and accountability

- Utilizes a 3-tiered framework to support ALL students' success
- Emphasizes prevention through systems change
- Integrates and enhances data, systems and practices

- Promotes reflective thinking and collaborative problem solving
- Emphasizes community building and repairing harm
- Fosters resilience through authentic, positive relationships

### PBIS/RP 4 Unifying Features





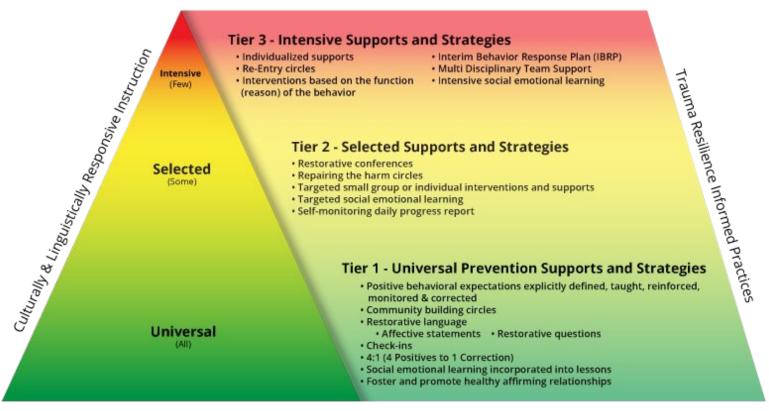






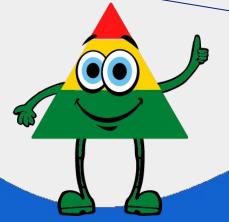
#### PBIS/RP Integrated Continuum of Supports and Strategies

These tiers refer to levels of support that students receive, not to students themselves.









### Dr. Carma Love, Hope HS



"Restorative Practices are a natural practice in our classroom...."

Build their confidence

Comfortable enough in class



Building community

Communication

Represent themselves

Listening and speaking skills



So, what more can we do?





### Restorative Practices in the Classroom LAUSD



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**Conflict Resolution** 

**Accountability and Repair** 

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Acknowledging Harm **Making Amends** 



### **Relationship Building**



- Thematic Activities: Encourage students to share their experiences and learn about one another.
- Community Building Circles: Use circles to foster connection among students.



Every Thursday the following resources are posted in the PBIS/RP Schoology group

Thematic Lesson Plans (Elementary & Secondary)

Morning Announcement Scripts Community Building
Circle Lesson Plan

### Ms. Halpenny, Franklin ES





### Julie Blanchette, Owensmouth HS





### Mr. Naren Sguigna, Tulsa Elementary





### Davit Davitian, Stagg ES





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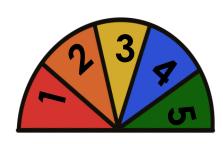
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### Safe and Predictable Environments



- Establish Norms/Expectations Together: Collaboratively create classroom norms that promote respect and accountability.
- **Check-Ins:** Regularly check in with students about how they're feeling.









- Keep aisles clear.
- Keep food or drink outside of buildings.

#### **BE RESPONSIBLE**

- Be prepared, bring appropriate materials.
- Participate in class activities.
- **Actively listen to designated** speakers.
- Stay on task.

#### **BE SAFE**

- Use appropriate voice and language.
- Clean up after self.
- Dress and groom according to school dress code.





1. Se amable en todo momento.

3. Levanta la mano para hablar.

5. Haz tu mejor trabajo en todo momento.





4. Se un buen amigo con todos.

6. Sigue todas las reglas de la escuela.



#### Being respectful looks like

Treat others how you want to be treated

Bring kind to people who are different from lengrespectful of someone who is talk



#### Being responsible looks like:

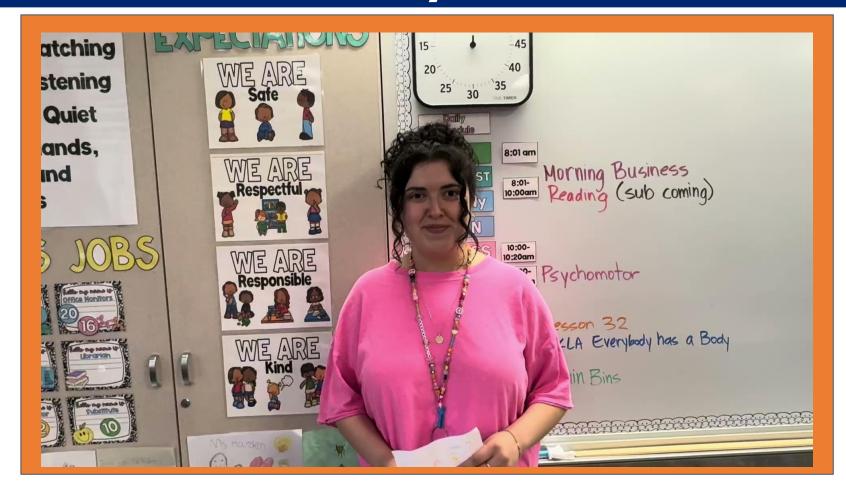
Taking care of your belongings Being prepared for school

Cleaning up ofter yourself



### Sarah Harden, Stanley Mosk ES





### Celine Nassirzadeh, Westwood ES





### Erin Hedge, Cohasset ES





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### **Conflict Resolution**



- Restorative Conversations: When conflicts arise, facilitate a structured dialogue where all parties can share their perspectives and feelings.
- **Use of "I" Statements:** Encourage students to express their feelings using "I" statements (e.g., "I felt hurt when..."), which helps reduce defensiveness.



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"I feel _____ (the emotion)

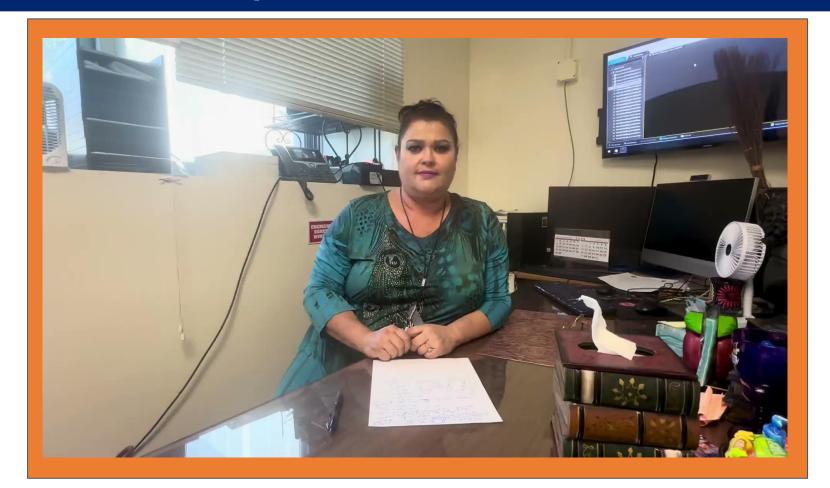
When _____ (the occurrence).

It makes it (reason/because)_____

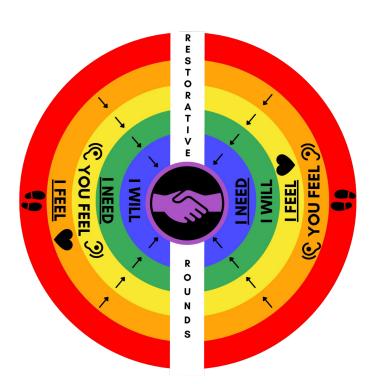
Could you please____?"
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### Alicia Romero, Fremont HS

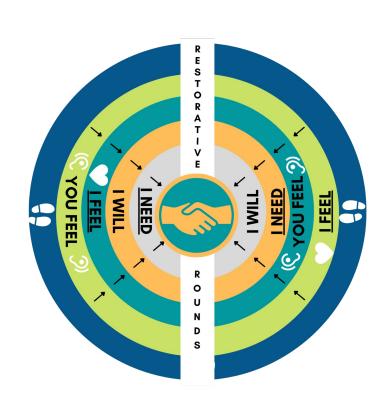




# Restorative Rainbows/Rounds







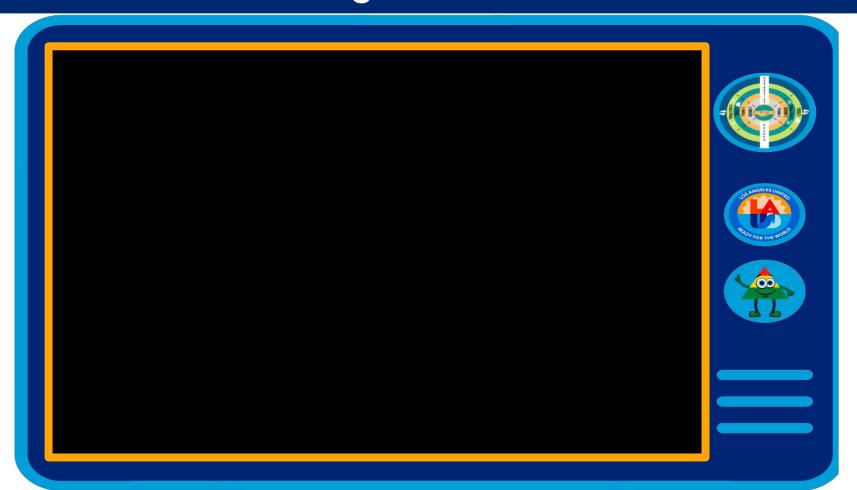
### **Restorative Rounds: High School**





### Restorative Rounds: High School Testimonial LAUSD





### Ms, Murray, Franklin ES





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### **Accountability and Repair**



- Acknowledging Harm: Guide students in recognizing the impact of their actions on others.
- Making Amends: Encourage students to think of ways they can repair relationships, whether through apologies, actions, or other forms of restitution.

**Restorative questions** help to explore motivations, perspectives, and solutions on conflict while looking for ways to build and restore relationships.

- What happened?
- What were you thinking at the time of the incident?
- What have you thought about since?
- Who has been affected by what happened, and how?
- What about this has been the hardest for you?
- What do you think needs to be done to make things as right as possible?

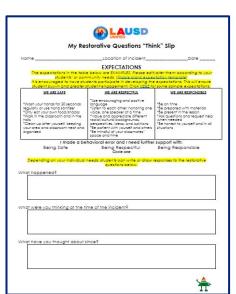






# Restorative Questions Think Slips

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HOW DID YOUR CHOICE HURT SOMEONE ELSE? It hurt their feelings. It hurt their body. They missed out on learning. They felt disrespected. It ruled occentring that belongs to them.	YOU CAN AME IT BETTER WHAT CAN YOU DO? Androgan On my worth. Clean get the mass. Add what I can do to make it better. Other	WHY DO YOU WANT TO AAKE BETTER CHOICES? People will want to be around me, I will be proud of imputel, I will be proud of imputel, Everyone will be cofer. Other
YOU CAN AU Think before I speak. Take deep breaths/use a calming i	KE BETTER CHOICESI WHAT WILL YOU DO DIFFER  Follow directions/focus on my work throtogy.  Ulatem.  Use kind and peaceful words.	





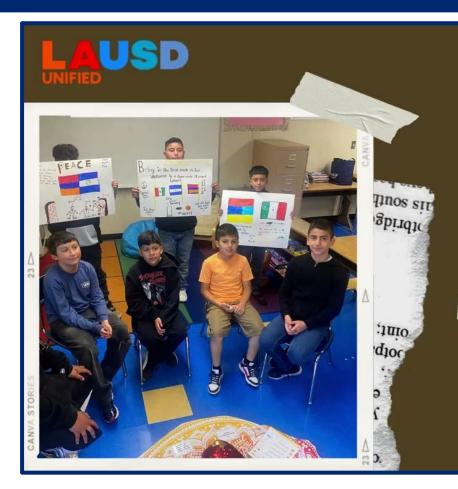
### Haley Burgess, Cochran MS





### Restorative Practices in Action





Conflict is not a problem that needs solving but a phenomenon that needs understanding.

~ Dominic Barter

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PRACTICES: A WAY TO SOLVE PROBLEMS IN SCHOOL

### **Resources for Teachers**



- PBIS/RP Schoology group
- PBIS/RP Website
- Weekly Drop In Support
- Professional Development Opportunities
- Tier 1 Look Fors



### **IAU Report**



In May 2023, the Board authorized its Independent Analysis Unit (IAU) to evaluate PBIS/RP implementation.

#### Ten Years of the School Climate Bill of Rights in L.A. Unified: Where are we?

Survey of School Leaders and Teachers, Fall 2023

#### Independent Analysis Unit

Board of Education for the Los Angeles Unified School District

June 2024

Megan Besecker Andrew Thomas, Ph. D.

### IAU Report - Next Steps



#### What works to support implementation?

#### **SOSAs**

SOSAs positively impact teachers' confidence and use of PBIS/RPs.

• Teachers who interacted with a System of Support Advisor (SOSA) had higher confidence, more positive views of student attitudes, and more frequent use of PBIS/RP for behavior management and discipline. They also reported greater proficiency in PBIS/RP.

#### **School Support**

Support from school leadership improves teachers' attitudes.

• Teachers who felt supported by their school leadership had higher buy-in, confidence, and better perceptions of student attitudes towards RPs. They also reported greater proficiency in PBIS/RP.

#### PD

PD enhances teachers' buy-in, use of, and proficiency in PBIS/RPs.

 Attendees of PBIS/RP PD in 2022-23 were more supportive, proficient, and reported more frequent use of PBIS/RPs, compared to those who did not attend PD. School site administrators also reported improved teacher and student support with high levels of teacher training.

### IAU Report - Next Steps



- Teachers and school site administrators need clear expectations from the top.
- Amid competing demands, SOSAs are pivotal staff to bolster implementation.
- School site administrators are key, but they need support and accountability, especially in secondary schools.
- Ongoing, scaffolded training is essential to sustain implementation.
- Emphasis on practices that require the least effort to implement may foster greater support and use.



When we work together on a common goal, we can achieve things beyond our greatest imagination. Author Unknown



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