

Examples of Restorative Justice

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Infraction	Punitive	Restorative
Graffiti or property damage	Referral to law enforcement; pay a court fee or fine.	Help clean, repair, or repaint and pay for damages.
Putdowns, gossip, or interpersonal conflicts	Spend time in detention.	Write a letter of apology to the individual(s) harmed; write a reflection paper on how it feels to be put down or gossiped about.
Classroom disruption	Be shamed in front of the class by the teacher.	Verbally apologize to the teacher and fellow students with a promise to contribute more positively in the future. Request that peers hold him/her accountable. Spend a week assisting the teacher with classroom supervision or clean-up.
Bullying younger students	Sent to in-school suspension; have privileges removed.	Set up a weekly book reading with the younger students and read to them out of <i>Touching Spirit Bear</i> , a book about restorative justice that addresses a serious assault. Facilitate a circle with individuals considered bullies and discover three reasons why they do it. Facilitate a circle with victims of bullies to find out how bullying affects others.
Ridicule or racial slurs of another individual or group	Given a sanction to stay away from the person in the future.	Participate in a blanket drive for the homeless. Help on a project to raise community awareness to stop "hate crimes." Set up a panel of speakers who can talk to the entire class or school about intolerance and the effect it has on our communities. Write a letter of apology to the person harmed and his/her family.



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Fighting	Out-of-school suspension.	Prepare and deliver a speech to a classroom or larger school assembly about how to negotiate with words rather than fists. Teach a class during detention on anger management and self-control. Read the book <i>Boundaries for Kids</i> and give an oral report on it.
Theft	Out-of-school suspension.	Return the stolen items with a sincere verbal or written apology. Pay for replacement of stolen items.
Use and possession of drugs	Out-of-school suspension and/or expulsion	Do community service in a drug rehab center or hospital where addicts are being treated. Spend a night under supervision in a rehab center.
Internet harassment	Out-of-school suspension	Contribute to a school newsletter article on how Internet harassment damages individual relationships. Write a research paper on recent Internet harassment incidents that have resulted in emotional depression or suicide of the person who was harmed.
(Unintentional) arson or property damage	Suspension or expulsion.	Ride along with fire fighters. Visit a fire station. Interview paramedics.
Truancy	Suspension; referral to law enforcement; truancy court	Write a reflection paper on assets for youth. Help facilitate a circle discussion on truancy and identify why some kids skip school. Interview a recent high school graduate that dropped out of school and returned after recognizing the value of a high school diploma. Interview a college student and ask why he or she wants to complete college. Ask for help with an underlying problem that is causing the truancy.

