



8th grade Peer Mediation Class Course syllabus

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The Peer Mediation class provides students with the knowledge, skills, and experiences necessary to become responsible, caring and contributing members of the family, school and community. Team-building activities are an integral part of the course, enabling participants to improve relationships with classmates; relationship skills developed during these activities will be adaptable to the general campus population.

Students will be specifically trained in a variety of skills including communication skills, especially assertiveness and active listening, decision-making skills, social skills, and presentation skills. Education in conflict mediation skills and the application of these in the school setting will enhance the learning environment on campuses. Students will be taught to recognize conflict situations and their underlying causes and how to intervene in such incidents. Peer education students are trained to be observant of potential problem situations on campus: impending fights, students who are depressed and/or stressed, students who are having family or school problems, etc. They will gain an understanding of the ethnic, economic, and other differences in students and how these can lead to conflict. Additionally, they will learn to recognize bullying and harassment and viable means to stop both behaviors.

First Semester: Intro to Conflict Resolution-Mediation, Communication Skills, Research on Teen Health Risk Factors, Training in 6 Step process of Mediation, Lead School wide Campaigns- NO PLACE FOR HATE and RED RIBBON WEEK. Attorneys will come in as speakers and mentors to our students. Celebrating Diversity Talent Show.

Second Semester: Advanced Peer Mediation Skill Training and Mastery, Project- Overcoming Prejudice Celebrating Diversity, Presentations in 7th grd class Healthy Friendships .

Grading:

Communication Skills and Mediation Skills Mastery- 25%

Individual and Group Project Projects, - 25%

Journal- 15 %

Quizzes – 15%

Leadership and Collaboration Skills- School-wide Events- 20%

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