



THE BARRISTER CIRCLE



JMHS AS RESTORATIVE JUSTICE DEMONSTRATION SCHOOL SITE

Circle Process Core Guidelines

Here is a list of core guidelines to follow when conducting your own circles. Having circle guidelines help ensure a successful session.

Respect the Talking Piece - The talking piece is an item that is special to someone and should not be mishandled. The one with the talking piece shares while everyone else listens.

Speak from the Heart - Speak with simplicity and sincerity without contentiousness or blame.

Listen with your Heart - Give your full attention. Listen to the feelings and needs being expressed. Be empathetic and try to put yourself in the other persons shoes as best as you can.

Speak with Respect - When it's your turn to talk, try to formulate a respectful response. Take into account what the person was saying and voice your opinion without undermining theirs. Avoid insulting the other person by saying something rude or callous.

Listen with Respect - When you're having a conversation, being a good listener is a basic sign of respect. If you look bored or interrupt the person, you're showing that you don't really care what he or she has to say. Practice listening more intently and waiting until the person is finished talking before you respond.

Remain in the Circle - Everyone should remain in the circle until the circle is closed.

Honor Privacy - Be sure to remind students that anything shared in circle is not publicized out of circle or on social media. However, if a student shares anything that puts themselves or someone else in danger, as mandated reporters, we have to make sure that everyone's safety is at our best interest.

Restorative Justice Circle Climate @ Marshall

Thank you Marshall Faculty for taking the time to fill out the questionnaire. Here are the results:

Have you ever participated in a restorative justice circle?

Yes - 54 No - 21

Have you ever conducted a restorative justice circle?

Yes - 20 No - 55

Do you feel you can conduct a restorative justice circle without the assistance of a RJ Adviser?

Yes - 23 No - 45

Would you be interested in more information on restorative justice circles?

Yes - 38 No - 32

Shout outs this month:

- Ms. Paakari for having a circle on conflicts within a band.
- Mr. Inman for having a circle on minimizing misunderstandings by perspective awareness.
- Ms. Kato for having a circle on self and goal minded reflections.
- Ms. Wong for having a circle on attendance and ditching reasons and solutions.
- Mr. Manahan for having a circle on team building with his volleyball team.

Local District Central Operations

- Monty Moy: RJ Teacher Adviser
- Marco Flores: LD Central Restorative Justice Adviser