



Peer Jury

INFO YOU SHOULD KNOW:

- Peer Jury is a form of restorative justice that views misconduct as harm in need of repair. It's a discipline option that can respond to crime, misconduct, or other conflicts.
- Peer Jury is a way to handle misbehavior by talking it out instead of kicking kids out.
- Youth are held accountable for their actions and people harmed by misconduct are given a voice in the matter and their needs are taken into consideration.
- Peer Jury provides a positive peer influence that says to the referred student that misconduct is wrong.
- Participation is voluntary.
- Peer Jury is lead by youth with an adult advisor present.
- Youth receive training to become a Peer Juror. They then hear cases and make decisions on how the referred student can make things right, or repair the harm they caused.
- Peer Jurors take an oath of confidentiality, meaning they will not tell the referred students "business" in the street.
- Consequences can include community service, apology letters, restitution, counseling, or possibly mentoring.
- Upon successful completion of agreed upon consequences, the referred student may be invited to complete training and become a future Peer Juror.
- Peer Jury helps improve the referred student-parent relationship.
- Peer Jury enhances perceptions of justice and improves attitudes toward authority.
- Peer Jury strengthens the referred student's connection to school.