

Restorative Circles

Dear Parents and Guardians,

At W. F. Kaynor Technical High School, we are committed to fostering a safe, respectful, and supportive school environment for all students. As part of our ongoing efforts to strengthen communication, accountability, and positive relationships within our school community, we will be implementing Restorative Circles as part of our student support and disciplinary practices.

Restorative Circles are structured conversations designed to help students reflect on their actions, repair harm, rebuild trust, and strengthen relationships with peers and staff. These circles provide students with an opportunity to express their thoughts and feelings in a respectful and supportive setting while working toward positive solutions and personal growth.

Depending on the situation, students may participate in Restorative Circles with members of our school support team, including:

- School Administration
- Guidance Counselors
- The Title IX Coordinator
- Teachers
- Other appropriate support staff as needed

The goal of this process is to promote accountability, improve communication, and encourage students to make positive decisions while maintaining a supportive educational environment.

Parents and guardians may be contacted when their child is participating in a restorative process, especially when additional support or collaboration is beneficial. We believe that working together as a school community helps students develop important life skills such as empathy, responsibility, conflict resolution, and respectful communication.

We appreciate your continued partnership and support as we implement practices that prioritize student growth, safety, and success.

In alignment with Connecticut Act 63-127 and the Connecticut State Department of Education's emphasis on the use of restorative practices in schools, W. F. Kaynor Technical High School may utilize restorative conversations, circles, and related practices as part of our approach to student support, conflict resolution, and school discipline.

By signing the district handbook acknowledgment in PowerSchool, parents/guardians acknowledge and give permission for their child to participate in restorative practices and restorative circles when deemed appropriate by school staff.