

## WHAT WE DO

While conflict is inevitable, we have a choice in how we respond to conflict and thus in its outcome. **Peer Mediation** aims to help schools turn student conflict into opportunities to learn and grow. By training students to mediate peer conflict, we equip schools with student leaders whose efforts improve school climate and culture.

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# PEER MEDIATION

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# BENEFITS OF A PEER MEDIATION PROGRAM



## Empower Students

Students are placed in a position to resolve conflict, improve the school environment, and promote peace on campus through their work as mediators.

## Improve School Climate

Students improve the overall school climate through better student/staff relationships.

## Conflict-Resolution Skills

Students will learn skills to analyze and resolve conflict before it escalates into violence. In the process, they will also learn how to generate solutions to problems and coexist with those with whom they disagree.

## Self-Esteem

Students improve their self esteem as they make a meaningful contribution to the school campus.

## Sense of Belonging

As students take ownership over improving the school environment, they develop relationships and a connection to the school, thus becoming more engaged in their education.

## Builds Essential Skills

Students develop invaluable life-skills, such as leadership, communication, and problem-solving skills that will serve them in all their relationships, school, and in their careers.

## Reduce Loss of Instructional Time

Mediators help to resolve conflict before it escalates into incidents that result in a loss of instructional time.

## Regain Time

With a functioning peer mediation program in place, administrators and school staff will spend less time resolving student conflict.