

Restorative Discipline: Decrease the Need for Traditional Discipline and Increase Instructional Minutes



A Unique One-Day In-Person Seminar or Live Online Seminar Presented by

Jorge Elvir

Outstanding Teacher, Administrator and National Presenter

**Specifically Designed for Educators Serving Grades K-12:
Classroom Teachers, Title I Staff, Special Education Staff, Behavior Intervention
Specialists, Counselors, Instructional Assistants, Program Specialists, School
Improvement Teams, Discipline Committee Members, and Administrators**

The best, most current Restorative Discipline approaches for decreasing the need for traditional discipline and increasing instructional minutes in schools and classrooms

Practical, easy-to-implement Restorative Discipline strategies for addressing students' problematic behavior and increasing their desire to act more responsibly, respectfully and safely

Proven Restorative Discipline practices for building a productive learning environment with quality relationships, effective interpersonal skills and highly-positive academic outcomes

Innovative restorative techniques to help students progress socially, emotionally, behaviorally, and academically

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(Elk Grove Village)

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(Alsip)

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Missouri

St. Louis – January 30
(Clayton)

LIVE ONLINE SEMINAR

February 8

**9 AM Central, 8 AM Mountain,
7 AM Pacific, 10 AM Eastern**

CEUs and Graduate Credit Available
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and take the seminar online at
your convenience (see page 6)

Ten Key Benefits of Attending

*"This was awesome!
I am going back
to my school with
fresh patience and
a renewed desire to
be that person my
students can trust
and rely on."*

– MICHELE MOORE,
MATH COACH



Who Should Attend

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Behavior Intervention
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Instructional Assistants,
Program Specialists,
School Improvement
Teams, Discipline
Committee Members,
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- 1. Significantly Decrease Discipline Problems While Increasing Instructional Time**
Discover the most essential Restorative Discipline practices designed to effectively address student behaviors that impede the learning process ... Increase instructional time, and promote accountability and equity across the entire learning community
- 2. Decrease Disruptive Behaviors and Strengthen Students' Social-Emotional Skills**
Expand your repertoire of Restorative Discipline strategies to maximize your effectiveness in decreasing inappropriate behaviors and rewarding appropriate ones ... Help students learn and develop positive social-emotional skills
- 3. Increase Student Accountability, Responsibility and Access to the Curriculum**
Learn explicit restorative strategies that dramatically decrease misbehavior and increase student accountability and responsibility ... Gain practical, easy-to-implement strategies that gain back and increase valuable instructional time
- 4. Address and Prevent Angry, Maladaptive, and Dangerous Student Behaviors**
Intervene effectively with students who have a history of escalating to potentially dangerous levels ... Acquire practical planning strategies for breaking past the crisis response cycle toward proactively responding to and preventing serious behaviors
- 5. Develop a Responsive Classroom**
Decrease the need for traditional discipline practices with practical restorative practices that build a classroom environment for success ... Specific and practical approaches for developing a classroom focused on dignity, inclusiveness and shared responsibility
- 6. Switch the Emphasis from Getting Even to Getting Well**
Gain restorative strategies for using student mistakes in behavior as an opportunity for them to learn to focus on more positive, productive behaviors in the future
- 7. Utilize Constructive, Restorative Alternatives to Suspension and Detention that Focus on Teaching and Learning Rather than Punishment**
Learn how to create a restorative mindset that focuses on keeping, making and building peace by shifting the focus from rules to relationships
- 8. Avoid Escalation of Power Struggles**
Learn specific ways to avoid power struggles without losing respect ... Practical ways to verbally respond to upset or out-of-control students that de-escalate tense situations and lay the groundwork for positive outcomes
- 9. Respond Effectively to Problematic Behavior**
Master how to specifically respond to difficult, disruptive behavior without losing control of your emotions ... Successfully interact with your most challenging students while keeping your dignity and each student's dignity intact
- 10. Receive a Valuable Restorative Discipline Digital Resource Handbook**
You will receive an extensive digital resource handbook filled with the techniques, strategies and activities discussed in this seminar

Outstanding Strategies You Can Use Immediately

What You Will Learn ...

- **The most effective Restorative Discipline methods** for decreasing the need for traditional discipline while increasing instructional minutes for students
- Outstanding teaching strategies that **help teachers implement necessary corrective discipline** without resorting to consequences that are unrelated, unreasonable or disrespectful
- **Effective methods for reducing behavior referrals** and discipline-related time outside of class
- Proven Restorative Discipline techniques that **reduce student misbehavior**
- Procedures that **encourage students to become self-regulated learners**, assuming increasing amounts of control over their school lives
- **Preventative strategies** that reduce the rates of suspension and expulsion
- **A wealth of practical ideas** for building positive relationships between students and educators ... build trust, respect and rapport
- **Strategies for increasing students' conflict resolution skills** while fostering genuine personal accountability and responsibility
- **How to strengthen the climate and culture** of your classroom and/or school and decrease the need for traditional disciplinary practices
- Powerful Restorative Discipline strategies that **ensure social justice and equity** for all students
- Approaches that **move students away from punishment** and along a continuum from inappropriate behavior to remorse to making amends
- Ways to **respond effectively to problematic behavior** to stop recurring behavior problems from occurring
- How to **avoid escalation of power struggles** using alternatives to traditional discipline



"An excellent, informative workshop. I learned a great deal of things I can take and use right away."

– SAMAR MAHMOUD, TEACHER

Practical Ideas and Strategies

Have you watched in frustration as students return from exclusionary punishment, In-School Suspension (ISS) and Out of School Suspension (OSS) only to continue exhibiting the very same disruptive, off task and dangerous behaviors? Have you observed a missing link in your discipline practices: namely one that is truly successful in bringing about desired changes in behavior, while increasing instructional time?

In this outstanding seminar, **JORGE ELVIR**, an experienced teacher, administrator and expert on Restorative Discipline, will share numerous proactive measures designed to build healthy skills and attitudes in students while producing positive and productive relationships among students and staff. You will learn a system of Restorative Discipline practices that repair damaged relationships through reflective conversations that give students an opportunity to become aware of the harm they have caused and develop plans to make amends and move forward with a more positive attitude and behavior in the future. **Armed with an extensive digital resource handbook and a set of powerful strategies, you will leave this seminar with renewed desire to make a marked difference in the lives of your most challenging students.**



A Message From Seminar Leader, Jorge Elvir



Uniquely Qualified Instructor

JORGE ELVIR is an experienced classroom teacher and school administrator with many years of experience addressing difficult, disruptive student behaviors at the classroom and building level. Jorge loves sharing with fellow educators Restorative Discipline strategies that reduce the need for traditional discipline, resulting in increased instructional minutes, engagement, learning, and student growth. High energy, passionate and “real” – Jorge shares the strategies he has found most successful for addressing highly disruptive and/or dangerous behaviors. As a school administrator he played a key role in developing and implementing a highly effective school-wide Restorative Discipline program as an alternative to traditional disciplinary practices. He is also the author of, *Restorative Discipline: Decrease the Need for Traditional Discipline and Increase Instructional Minutes*, the extensive digital resource handbook you will receive at the seminar. **Join Jorge for this practical, commonsense approach to developing, implementing and enhancing a restorative discipline program with the power to transform your classroom, school and the lives of your students.**

Dear Colleague:

If you are like most educators across the nation, you are increasingly becoming frustrated with persistent, challenging and disruptive student behaviors that interfere with the learning process and result in a loss of valuable instructional time. Administrators are often limited to employing a few “cookie cutter” approaches to managing student behavior that stopped being effective for most students years ago. While successful in temporarily removing the offender from the classroom environment, these unfortunately do nothing to teach students about making more positive choices in the future. Plus, these practices often result in significant additional losses in instructional time.

Traditional disciplinary practices have proven themselves to be incredibly ineffective in changing negative student behavior, time and again. But what if you could use an approach that has proven to be highly effective? One that consumes minimal time if implemented correctly? And that significantly reduces the amount of time spent writing and responding to behavior referrals, or taking disciplinary action? What if this approach could also significantly increase the instructional minutes for your students?

I appreciate your desire to experience a seminar designed to give you alternatives to traditional disciplinary practices. I have designed this seminar with Restorative Disciplinary practices as the foundation and to provide you with proven strategies that will not only help you to deal with challenging behaviors when they occur but will also help students develop the necessary skills and attitudes to minimize or eliminate many of these behaviors in the future.

I have designed this seminar to share the ideas, strategies, techniques and methods I have seen work with even the most challenging, disrespectful students.

Please join me and discover practical, easy-to-implement Restorative Discipline practices that can better enable you to successfully deal with and help challenging students in our classrooms and schools. I guarantee you will leave this seminar with many practical strategies that you can put to use in your classroom immediately to help students see themselves as able, capable, valuable and responsible. In a short amount of time, you will be telling others emphatically, “This stuff works!”

Sincerely,

Jorge Elvir

P.S. I can honestly say I don’t believe any student is unreachable when he has the appropriate tools and knowledge. **Invest a day with me and together we can make a real difference in the lives of your students.**

What Your Colleagues Say About Jorge Elvir

*"Jorge provided a thought provoking and interesting presentation. I really enjoyed everything – the materials and discussion included. This was **the best PD I've attended in a long time.**"*

– Dr. Steven Heil, Principal

*"**I loved it!** I can't wait to use what I learned with challenging students!"* – Erin Seibert, Teacher

*"Jorge's knowledge of restorative practices is vast and his ability to pass on that experience was **extremely helpful.**"*

– Gwen Stevens, Counselor

*"This was an **amazing presentation.** I took a lot out of this, which will definitely change my administrative practices."*

– Ken Londregan, Vice Principal

*"Jorge was great and gave **excellent examples.** Very real! I will try the practices taught today with my students."*

– Megan Richard, Teacher

*"Everything was **wonderfully presented** to bring real-life awareness and application of strategies for building Restorative Discipline in schools. Thank you."*

– Jennifer Lowe, SPED Teacher



*"I really appreciated Jorge's upbeat, positive approach. I'm walking away with great strategies. The **real-life examples** were also very helpful to put things in perspective."*

– Jeff Atterberry, Assistant Principal

*"**Excellent, concrete examples** of what to do in the classroom, with Restorative Discipline as an administrator and in faculty meetings. Thank you! Great resources too!"*

– Beth Steinen, Director of Instruction

*"Exemplary presentation, **full of valuable tips** that can be utilized to improve the climate and culture of my school. Jorge provided powerful insights and opportunities for discourse."*

– Dr. Sharon Davis, Principal

*"Jorge did a great job conveying the message about Restorative Discipline. **I look forward to implementing these practices!**"*

– Carey Roth, Teacher

Special Benefits of Attending



"Great information that is applicable to students of all grades, and all staff and faculty. Very worthwhile!"

– JOSEPH MARINZOLI,
PRINCIPAL

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Extensive Restorative Discipline Digital Resource Handbook

You will receive an extensive digital resource handbook specifically designed for this seminar. The handbook includes:

- Strategies for decreasing the need for traditional discipline and restorative practice strategies that increase student learning, growth and instructional minutes
- Effective verbal skills that decrease conflict, promote emotional and intellectual intelligence, and communicate respect and caring
- Techniques for helping students replace negative attitudes with positive ones
- Clear steps for helping students give up the victim stance and take personal responsibility for their choices and actions

For in-person seminars, registrants will also receive a printed copy of the resource handbook as long as their registration is received in the BER office at least 15 calendar days before the event.

Consultation Available

Jorge Elvir will be available at the seminar for consultation regarding your questions and the unique needs of your own program.

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Related On-Demand Online Courses

Two related On Demand Video-Based Online Learning courses, *Practical Strategies for Improving the Behavior of Attention-Seeking, Manipulative and Challenging Students*, for Grades 1-12, and *Restorative Discipline: Help Students Improve Their Behavior and Strengthen Their Learning*, for Grades K-12, are available for immediate registration. To enroll, visit www.ber.org/online

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Registration (DEX3W1)

- 1. **Chicago North** (Elk Grove Village), **IL** – February 2, 2023
- 2. **Chicago South** (Alsip), **IL** – January 31, 2023
- 3. **Minneapolis** (Brooklyn Center), **MN** – February 3, 2023
- 4. **Rockford, IL** – February 1, 2023
- 5. **St. Louis** (Clayton), **MO** – January 30, 2023
- 6. **LIVE ONLINE:** February 8, 2023 (Start time: 9 AM Central)

—or—

- 7. **I'd like to order the recorded version of this seminar**

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Fee

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- Chicago North: Holiday Inn – Elk Grove Village, (847) 437-6010
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- Minneapolis: Earle Brown Heritage Center – Brooklyn Center, (763) 569-6300; hotel accommodations available at Embassy Suites – Brooklyn Center, (763) 560-2700
- Rockford: Hilton Garden Inn, (815) 229-3322
- St. Louis: Clayton Plaza Hotel – Clayton, (314) 726-5400

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