



Classroom Management Strategy: **Restorative Justice**

Article: "[How Restorative Justice Helps Students Learn](#)," by Jacquelyn Richards at Edutopia

Video: [What Is Restorative Justice?](#)

7 Factors to Consider



**Before Resorting to
Suspension or Expulsion**

Under Michigan's New Restorative Justice Law

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Student's Age

How old is the student in question? Does this influence the level of intervention necessary to address this behavior?

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Disciplinary History

What is this student's disciplinary history? Does this influence the level of intervention necessary to address this behavior?

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Disability

Does the student in question have a disability? Does this influence the level of intervention necessary to address this behavior?

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Seriousness of Behavior

What was the seriousness of this student's behavior? Does this influence the level of intervention necessary to address this behavior?

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Safety Risk

Did the student pose a safety risk to others? Does this influence the level of intervention necessary to address this behavior?

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Use of Restorative Practices

Have restorative practices already been used as a means of intervention in this student's disciplinary history? Does this influence the level of intervention necessary to address this behavior?

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Level of Intervention

Would a lesser intervention than suspension or expulsion appropriately address this behavior in question?



Source: MLive, "Schools changing zero-tolerance policies to reflect new Michigan law"

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