

## **Milwaukee Public Schools- Student Discipline Committee “Lesson” Ideas**

**Topic:** Student discussion on violence (Lesson created by North Division High School)

### **Overview for facilitator:**

Lesson provides students to discuss how they view violence in society and ways to address violence as larger community.

### **Materials Needed:**

Discussion questions.

### **Intro:**

Silently reflect on how you or anyone you know may have been affected by violence.

### **Discussion/Activity:**

- 1) What do you see as the root cause of violence in our society and what problems are we facing in the future?
- 2) Does today's popular culture (Music, Social Media, etc.) make cruel and violent behavior seem increasingly routine and acceptable? Why or why not?
- 3) Teenagers who commit violent crimes should be tried as adults, EVEN IF this leads to much harsher punishments than juveniles have traditionally received.
- 4) Should juveniles (Teens) who commit violent crimes be sent away to prisons or boot camps?
- 5) Should the government enact stricter laws to keep guns out of the hands of teens, EVEN IF this means such laws may conflict with the constitutional right to bear arms?
- 6) Should parents be held accountable when their teenagers commit crimes.
- 7) What, if anything, might citizens in your community do differently as a result of this conversation?

### **Next steps:**

What are any next steps or reflections from the students as a result of the session. These should be captured in the minutes.