

In Klein ISD, we believe that every student enters with a promise and exits with a purpose. As part of our <u>district vision</u>, our <u>Profile of a Learner</u> not only strives to help students become forever learners and equipped scholars by becoming college, career and life ready, the profile also demonstrates the importance of students becoming values-driven leaders, learning to think "we" not "me" and to collaborate and communicate skillfully with others. This profile is embedded into student's daily activities and course curriculum and merges seamlessly into whole student character development and behavior approaches utilized in our schools.

Elementary

Elementary grades focus on character development and behavior approaches that build relationships with students and create a positive classroom environment. A commonly used method in Klein ISD is <u>The Nurtured Heart Approach</u>. This approach offers suggestions for how to create opportunities for success within the classroom and how to channel the energy of the teachers and students to create success and/or redirect misbehavior for a safe, cohesive environment to effectively teach curriculum. The three primary concepts for this program include:

- Refusing to energize negativity
- Super-energizing success
- Establishing and implementing clear limits and consequences

Intermediates and High School

Intermediate and high school grades also utilize relationship building techniques using Restorative Practices. Restorative practices is a differentiated relational approach to building and sustaining relationships and managing student behavior. There are five guiding principles of restorative practice:

- Relationships
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Restoration
- Reintegration

Experts in <u>Restorative Practices</u> have provided outstanding professional learning for Klein ISD and provided our staff with meaningful ways to serve students. This approach allows teachers, administrators and counselors to build positive relationships with students, getting to know them by name, strength, and need.

We appreciate the efforts of all Klein ISD shareholders, including our students' parents and families, to support the success of their children at school, as partnering with our families brings out the best in our students. Some ways in which parents and other shareholders can support these approaches at home include:

- Recognize your child's greatness every day. You'll be amazed at the change you will see in your child's behavior as a result of these positive interactions.
- Refuse to put too much energy into the negative. Give a brief consequence with little fanfare.
- Engage in quick check-in conversations with your child daily. Think about asking open ended questions to prompt conversation rather than those allowing one word answers.

Questions? Please contact us.

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