

Restorative Justice

Ross Valley School District
White Hill Middle School

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*A student-led organization promoting restorative practices
that improve the environment for all students.*

White Hill Middle School's Restorative Justice (RJ) program is a student-led organization that promotes restorative, reflective practices designed to improve the learning environment for all students.



About 25 student mentors have been trained to lead Restorative Circles for student clients whose decisions have led them to be referred to a peer circle. The goals of the restorative circles are to help the client reflect on their decision-making, understand the impact(s) of their actions, and develop a restorative plan to make the community whole again.

Although the White Hill program has been in existence for little more than a year, it is already considered exemplary by outside observers. Student RJ mentors have presented at a Ross Valley Board of Trustees meeting and will soon be training fourth and fifth graders at four elementary schools in Ross Valley School District.