



The Ogden International School of Chicago

Volunteer Training





The “big” picture of Ogden International:

- ▶ The only full continuum IB school in the State of Illinois with PYP, MYP, and DP
- ▶ 800 students in grades K-5
- ▶ 360 students in grades 6-8
- ▶ 550 students in grades 9-12
- ▶ Merged with Jenner





Essential Agreements At Ogden

- ▶ Be timely
- ▶ Be fully present
- ▶ Be respectful: Stay reflective and listen to understand
- ▶ Be positive and open-minded
- ▶ Be a risk-taker: Step out of comfort, into courage





The Purpose of Parent Volunteers

- ▶ Support teachers, staff, and administration to improve conditions for better teaching and learning.
- ▶ Build a positive, supportive community.
- ▶ Demonstrate and embody the IB mission and the Ogden philosophy.

Parent volunteers do not...

- ▶ replace a teacher
- ▶ discipline students
- ▶ make independent decisions





Our Restorative Justice Mindset

Restorative Practices are ways of pro-actively developing relationships and community, as well as repairing community when harm is done. After conflict or harm, Restorative Practices provide a way of thinking about, talking about, and responding to issues and problems by involving all participants to discuss their feelings and opinions, identify what happened, describe how it affected everyone, and find solutions to make things better.



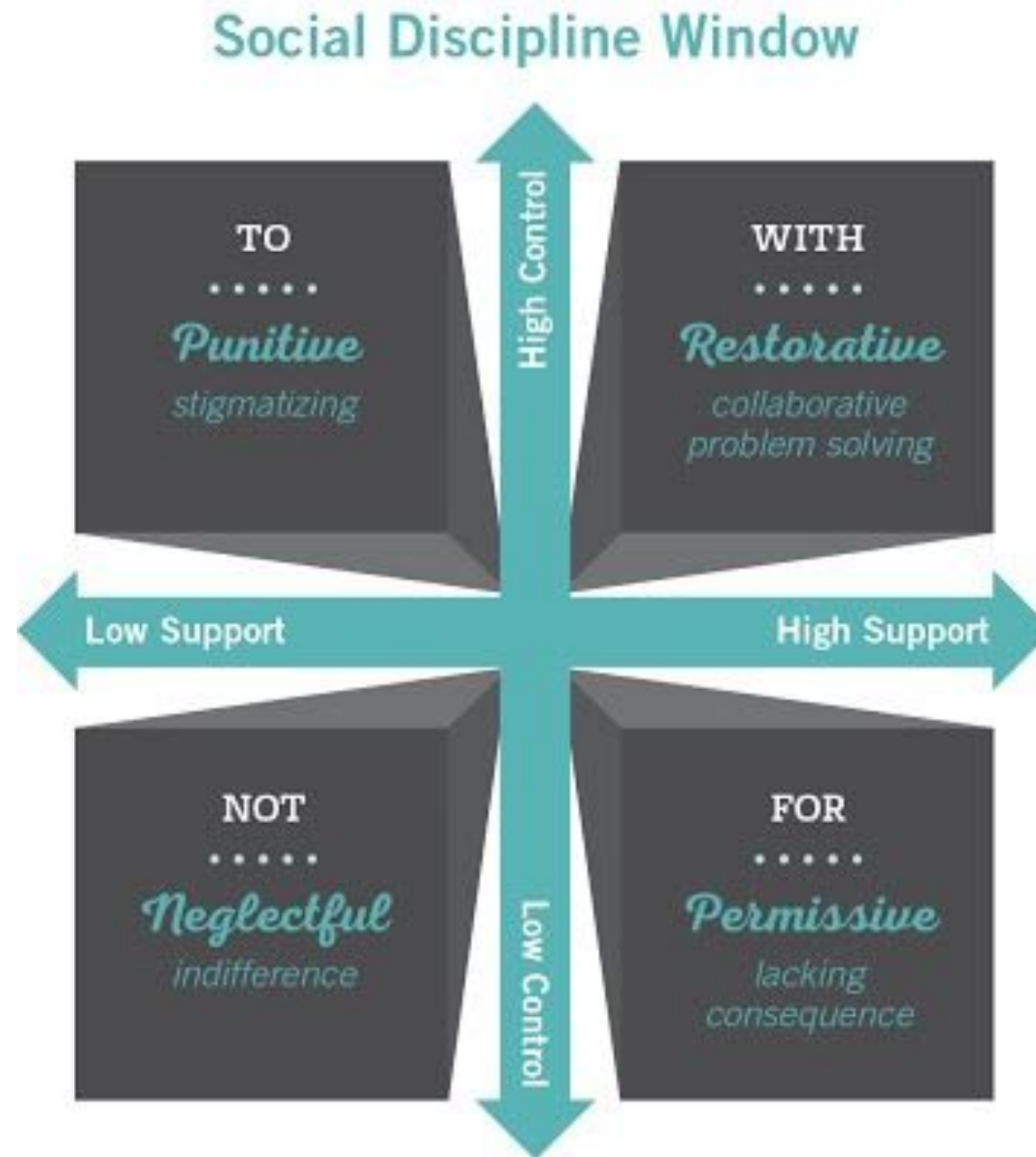


Social and Emotional Learning is a priority

- ▶ Schools that create socially and emotionally sound learning and working environments, and that help students and staff develop greater social and emotional competence, in turn help ensure positive short- and longterm academic and personal outcomes for students, and higher levels of teaching and work satisfaction for staff.



There is a thoughtful, balanced approach happening that you might not always understand.





Please know that some things volunteers can cause hurt, instead of help!

- ▶ Please don't expect to understand everything that is happening with all students! That is the job of the teacher.
- ▶ Please do not gossip about what you see and hear to others. That erodes trust.
- ▶ Please do not share student level information with others should you learn privileged information.
- ▶ Please do not just complain without trying to find or be the solution.
- ▶ Please do not create work for the teacher.





Should there be problem, please address it!

- ▶ If you have a concern or a complaint, please bring it to the teacher you work with to resolve.
- ▶ Please do NOT complain to other parents as it typically does not resolve anything, and only makes it worse for everyone.



Ways to help! You decide!

- ▶ Before school Kiss & Go
- ▶ Welcome Wagon
- ▶ Lunchroom helper
- ▶ Classroom/Teacher helper
- ▶ Teacher helper at Specials such as GCC, dance, drama, art, Spanish and gym
- ▶ Showcase events
- ▶ Fundraising events
- ▶ Office assistance & outreach to parents
- ▶ Entrance assistance / tardy assistance

What special skills and talents do you want to offer?

Volunteers make Ogden a better place

- ▶ Thank you for your service and dedication to Ogden