Education Austin and Austin ISD Partners for Change

Positive Alternatives to Suspending and Expelling Misbehaving Students in Early Childhood Education
Panel Discussion

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Strong Communication leads to Quality Relationships which lead to Quality outcomes for students
We believe:
Adults’ understanding of their personal culture, background, bias and beliefs impact the students with whom they work, and inclusiveness is a way of being that shows respect, understanding, and acceptance in which diversity is an asset.
We believe:
Each student is served through a supportive, integrated, and strengths-based lens, and a team of caring adults (Child Study Team) that studies what a child needs in the areas of behavior, academics, attendance and graduation to respond to those needs.
We believe:
Every student in AISD should experience creative learning and the arts in and out of school.
We believe:
Restorative practices can transform school communities and promote an emotionally, physically safe and supportive environment for students, teachers, and administration.
Community Schools

We believe:
We believe community schools that provide a strong academic program, wraparound services, alternative behavior models and deep parent and teacher involvement will begin to eradicate the institutional inequities in our system so that success is an outcome and not simply an opportunity.
Inclusive Classrooms

SEL
Social & Emotional Learning

NO place for HATE
Anti-Defamation League

Restorative Practices

Address and discuss the needs of the school community
Build healthy relationships between educators and students
Resolve conflict, hold individuals and groups accountable
Reduce, prevent, and improve harmful behavior
Repair harm and restore positive relationships

ASD Learning Support Services
A Continuum of Support for the Whole Child
Child Study System

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Thank You!

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