

The Tariq Khamisa Foundation (TKF) is a San Diego nonprofit with the mission to educate and inspire children in the restorative principles of accountability, compassion, forgiveness, peacemaking and support for safer schools and communities. TKF formed in 1995 after college student, Tariq Khamisa, was killed by a 14-year-old gang member. Through forgiveness the two families came together to create an organization dedicated to providing proven programs that teach restorative strategies, peacemaking skills and instills hope in youth. Our middle level education programs are designed to support students in grades 5 to 9.

# **TKF SAFE SCHOOL MODEL**

### **Peacemaker Assembly**

The **TKF Peacemaker Assembly** is a powerful 60-minute school presentation centered on the TKF story. The interactive assembly utilizes presenters, video, and open discussion to provide schoolwide messages and strategies focused on understanding the impacts of violence, forgiveness, and peacemaking.

### **Restorative Thinking Workshop**

A Social-Emotional Curriculum Teaching Restorative Practices, Peace, and Forgiveness

The **TKF Restorative Thinking Workshop** is a ten-session educational series with lessons focused in teaching skills to be mindful and manage emotions, be accountable for one's actions, and comprehension of making amends, practicing compassion and forgiveness. The curriculum is built on tested instructional materials intended to meet instructional educational standards for character building, social competency, healthy decision making, and personal safety. Our curriculum helps students develop social skills, sound reasoning abilities, and advocate for collaborative behaviors. The instruction integrates multiple learning formats to keep students interested and engaged. TKF's course emphasizes active student discussions and encourages sharing personal views, opinions and experiences on the various topics. The school-based workshop is facilitated in 45-minute sessions.

## Peace Educator - An Individualized Mentoring Service

**TKF Peace Educators** are hired mentors placed on school campuses to assist and support students most at risk. TKF Peace Educators provide the individualized attention and guidance selected students need to improve their academic performance, reduce school infractions, and improve attendance. Our mentoring strategy incorporates a restorative approach that is focused on peacemaking, behavior management, and mediation to prevent misconduct incidents. Their interventions focus on advocacy, educational assistance, life skills, and positive school engagement. Working with caseloads of 12 to 20 students, Peace Educators provide multiple weekly contacts through one-on-one mentoring, group activities, classroom monitoring, and service projects. TKF creates a campus presence centered on school safety and supporting the needs of students.

#### Peace Club - A Student Leadership and Service Program

**TKF Peace Clubs** are customized extra-curricular programming designed to encourage youth leadership. The program builds student advocacy and leadership skills through lessons in peace, understanding, cooperation and service. The clubs are facilitated in a small group format with curriculum based on school needs and student interests. Club's activities emphasize the educational strategies of achieving inner peace, building collaborative relationships, and making a difference in school/community.

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