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Working Things Out

Can't Everyone Just Get Along?

Peer mediation was a group organized to help individuals work their conflicts out, rather than fighting in school. It resolved problems, and sometimes even stopped them before they occurred. Students were required to fill out an application and be approved before becoming a mediator, as well as go through a two day training period.

After that, anyone with a problem had to fill out a form and take it to a mediator to set a time up to talk. The students with the opposing views, were sat down to talk together with the mediator. Both sides of the story were analyzed to try to come up with a solution to the problem. Sophomore Ashely Govan said, “Most people go to peer mediation because of rumors, name-calling, and fights over boyfriends or girlfriends,

and the problems usually are solved in one meeting.”

There were usually about twenty to thirty mediations held in one week. Sophomore Takiyah Sheppard said, “Most people go in hating each other, and come out as friends.”

Junior Meagan Oliver said, “I believe peer mediation is so important, because the problem almost always gets solved.” Peer mediation was definitely very important to refrain from suspensions and disciplinary problems, and for the students to be in a controlled and peaceful environment.

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