

1 Draft language on Restorative Justice Principles for Responding
2 to School Discipline Problems

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4 Sec. 4. RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PRINCIPLES FOR RESPONDING
5 TO SCHOOL DISCIPLINE PROBLEMS

6 On or before July 1, 2019, the Agency of Education shall issue guidance to
7 all public school boards and boards of approved independent schools that sets
8 out restorative justice principles for responding to school discipline problems.
9 Each public school board and each board of an approved independent school
10 shall consider this guidance and whether to adopt a policy on the use of
11 restorative justice principles for responding to school discipline problems. The
12 restorative justice principles contained in the Agency guidance shall be
13 designed to:

- 14 (1) decrease the use of exclusionary discipline;
15 (2) ensure that disciplinary measures are applied fairly and do not target
16 students based on race, ethnicity, gender, family income level, sexual
17 orientation, immigration status, or disability status; and
18 (3) provide students with the opportunity to make academic progress
19 while suspended or expelled.