



Restorative Practices Parent University

The Cherokee County School District is partnering with Nathan Maynard, author of the *Washington Post* bestseller [Hacking School Discipline](#), to bring a Teams Live series about building social emotional competencies through restorative practices to the families of our District! Restorative practices take incidents that might otherwise only result in punishments and instead help students recognize the impact of their actions, take responsibility for their actions, and take steps towards making things right. Restorative practices also heavily focus on building community, empathy, and relationships, and improving school culture. We are implementing some of these practices with our schools and want to make sure that families have an opportunity to learn about them and make connections between home and school to best support the social and emotional wellness of all children.

Microsoft Teams Live/YouTube Schedule

- You can attend any of the live sessions by going to the Microsoft Teams Live links below for each event. Thereafter, each event will be available for on-demand viewing on the Cherokee County School District (CCSD) YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/user/CherokeeGASchools>.
- During each Teams Live event, Nathan Maynard will speak on a particular topic for 45 minutes. Then, he will conduct a 15-minute question and answer session.
- The Restorative Practices Teams Live sessions are part of CCSD's Parent University series, and one of the components of the District's CCSD C.A.R.E.S. initiative – Cultivating Achievement Resiliency and the Empowerment of Students.

❑ Introduction to Restorative Practices: Tuesday, March 16 at 6 pm

Author Nathan Maynard will talk about his background and the basics of restorative practices. He will also preview the rest of the sessions in the series. [Click here to join.](#)

❑ It Starts With You: Wednesday, March 24 at 6 pm

Building strong relationships at home: Improve the connection with your child and increase their confidence. [Click here to join.](#)

❑ Family Meetings: Wednesday, April 14 at 6 pm

Building Community: Begin your journey on creating a positive home environment that connects everyone and builds strong relationships! [Click here to join.](#)

❑ Shifting from Punishment to Opportunity: Tuesday, April 27 at 6 pm

Restorative questions: Address behavior and begin the process of reflecting and repairing harm. [Click here to join.](#)

❑ Effective Communication-Parenting Styles: Tuesday, May 4 at 6 pm

Affective Statements and The Social Discipline Window: Learn positive approaches to address misbehavior with empathic statements that create changes in behavior. Learn ways to create an environment that leads to more cooperative, productive and happier children. [Click here to join.](#)

❑ Mindfulness: Tuesday, May 11 at 6 pm

Parenting Under Stressful Situations: Learn ways to manage the stress of being a parent by using simple techniques that will help you 'live in the moment' without judgement. [Click here to join.](#)