

## WHAT HAPPENS IN THE RTC?

- \* The RTC is a quiet room staffed by an RTC coordinator.
- \* Students must sign in when they enter the room.
- \* Students are assigned to sit at an individual study carrel.
- \* Students are only in the RTC for the class period where they caused the disruption.
- \* While in the RTC, students must write a behavior plan explaining what they did and their plan for changing their behavior.
- \* Students must negotiate their plan with the teacher before they can return to class.
- \* Students are responsible for any school work they miss while they are in the RTC.
- \* If a student is uncooperative or disruptive in the RTC, he/she will be sent home and can only return to school with a parent.

## RTP

**A PROCESS THAT  
TEACHES RESPECT FOR  
OTHERS BY  
FOSTERING  
RESPONSIBLE  
THINKING**



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## WESTERN MIDDLE SCHOOL

# Responsible Thinking Process

**A DISCIPLINE PROCESS  
THAT TEACHES STUDENTS  
HOW TO:**

- ★ Respect the rights of others
- ★ Take responsibility for themselves
- ★ Think on their own



# RESPONSIBLE THINKING PROCESS (RTP)



## KEY POINTS

- ↪ Each student is accountable and responsible for what he/she does.
- ↪ Focus is on mutual respect.
- ↪ Framework of solid rules that are posted in every classroom throughout the building.
- ↪ Set of standard RTP questions that a teacher or other staff member asks when a student disrupts.
- ↪ Developed by Edward Ford.



## #1 RTP RULE

**YOU CANNOT VIOLATE THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS.**

### WMS

#### RULES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Respect self, others and property.
2. Be in class on time with the required materials.
3. Follow directions the first time given.
4. Keep hands, feet, objects and personal comments to yourself.
5. Teachers have the right to teach and students have the right to learn in a safe and orderly environment.

### RESPONSIBLE THINKING PROCESS QUESTIONS

- ◆ What are you doing?
- ◆ What are the rules?
- ◆ What happens when you break the rules?
- ◆ Is this what you want to happen?
- ◆ What do you want to do now?
- ◆ What will happen if you disrupt again?
- ◆ Do you want to work on this or not?

## HOW DOES RTP WORK?

Student chooses to not follow the rules and disrupts in the classroom.



Teacher asks the RTP questions.



Student stops the disruptive behavior.



Teacher continues teaching.



Student chooses to disrupt a 2nd time during the class period.



Teacher asks RTP questions again.



Student is now making a choice to go to the Responsible Thinking Classroom (RTC).



In the RTC, the student completes a behavior plan that is reviewed by the RTC coordinator.



Student negotiates plan with teacher and returns to class.