A Sample of Differences between

Traditional and Restorative Discipline

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| Traditional | Restorative |
| Rules and schools are violated | People and relationships are violated |
| Establish the guilt of the offender | Identify needs and obligations of the offender, victim, and community |
| Accountability is defined as punishment | Accountability is defined as understanding the effects of the offense and repairing the harm. |
| Justice is directed at the offender while the victim is ignored | The offender, victim, and school have direct roles in the justice process |
| Rules and the intent of the offender outweigh the outcome | The offender is held responsible for their behavior, must repair any harm caused, and work towards a positive outcome |
| There is no opportunity afforded to the offender to express remorse or make amends | The process offers opportunities for the offender to express remorse and make amends |

(Smith et al., 2015, p. 3)