



The G.R.E.A.T Program

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The G.R.E.A.T. Acronym

Gang
Resistance
Education
And
Training



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What Is G.R.E.A.T.?

- Life-skills competency and violence prevention
- Elementary/middle school youth and families
- Officer-instructed, school-based curriculum



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G.R.E.A.T.'s Primary Goals

- Help youth avoid gang membership
- Prevent violence and criminal activity
- Develop positive relationships with law enforcement

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Curriculum Implementation—*Enhanced Curriculum*

- Program objectives
 - Alter perceptions about gangs
 - Develop social competency skills (e.g., communication, goal setting, and decision making)
 - Foster empathy for victims
 - Encourage prosocial affiliations
 - Promote social responsibility

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Elementary and Middle School Components

- Taught during school hours
- Elementary—fourth or fifth grade
- Middle school—taught at the entry level (sixth or seventh grade)

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Curriculum Overview—G.R.E.A.T. Elementary School Curriculum

- Optional curriculum
- Complements middle school curriculum
- Taught at 4th- and 5th-grade level
- Certified G.R.E.A.T. officer facilitates
- Six (6) lessons

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Curriculum Overview—G.R.E.A.T. Elementary School Curriculum (continued)

1. G.R.E.A.T. Beginnings
2. To Do or Not to Do
3. Loud and Clear
4. Staying Cool When the Heat Is On
5. We're All in This Together
6. G.R.E.A.T. Days Ahead

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Curriculum Overview—G.R.E.A.T. Middle School Curriculum

1. Welcome to G.R.E.A.T.
2. What's the Real Deal?
3. It's About Us
4. Where Do We Go From Here?
5. Decisions, Decisions, Decisions
6. Do You Hear What I Am Saying?
7. Walk in Someone Else's Shoes

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Curriculum Overview—G.R.E.A.T. Middle School Curriculum (continued)

8. Say It Like You Mean It
9. Getting Along Without Going Along
10. Keeping Your Cool
11. Keeping It Together
12. Working It Out
13. Looking Back

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Cooperative Effort

- Law enforcement
 - Expertise, time, support, and programs
- Educators
 - Expertise, time, and support
- Parents
 - Support and active reinforcement role
- Local community leaders
 - Support, support, and support

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What's the Bottom Line?

- Lower levels of victimization
- More negative views about gangs
- More favorable attitudes about law enforcement
- Reduction in risk-seeking behaviors
- Increased association with peers involved in prosocial activities

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