

## Peer Mediation Mission Statement

The Peer Mediation Group of Athol High School is comprised of "trained" student and faculty mediators dedicated to offering students and staff a confidential way to resolve conflicts through voluntary problem solving.

### Four Principles of Mediation

- 1. Neutrality-** Each person is treated equally and fairly. Mediators do not take sides, play favorites, or decide who is right or wrong.
- 2. Self-determination-** Mediators respect people's right to decide for themselves how to settle their differences. Mediators will not give advice, make suggestions, or decide what the agreement should say.
- 3. Confidentiality-** Mediators will never talk about what happened or what was said in mediation except to a mediation staff person. Mediators will not tell one person what the other said unless they have been given permission to do so.
- 4. Voluntary consent-** People should not be forced to come to mediation and should not be forced to sign an agreement they are not happy with.

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