



Detective Doug Monte is the primary G.R.E.A.T. Instructor for the Banning Police Department. Sergeant Alex Diaz and Detective Vince Avila are also qualified G.R.E.A.T. Instructors. Currently the G.R.E.A.T. curriculum is taught to all 4th and 6th grade students within the Banning Unified School District. This accounts for approximately 800 students.

Students are challenged through the lessons to make the best possible choice when making decisions. Students are also taught that there are consequences or outcomes to their decisions, whether they make good ones or bad ones. Student learn that when they make “G.R.E.A.T.” decisions, they will reap the rewards in the form of better grades, better social skills, getting scholarships, and other types of recognition.

The G.R.E.A.T. program also encourages students to give back to their community by participating in a “make your school a better place” project. The project can be whatever the students want to accomplish such as: a community service project, an art project, a recycling program or providing a service to others like reading to younger children.

G.R.E.A.T. Elementary Curriculum (6 Lessons)

The G.R.E.A.T. elementary curriculum is a skills-based curriculum designed as a precursor to the middle school curriculum. This component establishes the foundation that prepares children for the intensified content and cooperation exercises taught in the middle school curriculum, while developing a positive bond between law enforcement and youth. Reaching children at an earlier stage of development allows for a better transition into the middle school curriculum. The elementary curriculum has integrated National Learning English Language Arts Standards.

G.R.E.A.T. Middle School Curriculum (13-Lessons)

The G.R.E.A.T. middle school curriculum is a skills-based curriculum designed to produce knowledge and attitudinal and behavioral changes through the use of facilitative teaching, positive behavior rehearsal, cooperative and interactive learning techniques, and extended teacher activities. The curriculum has integrated National Learning English Language Arts Standards and National Health Standards and is based on effective research practices.