



Reasoning with Ethics

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“Ethics in action creates character.”

Use this blog to:

1. Lead class discussions in social studies, civics, ethics or advisory classes.
2. Teach students skills to analyze cases with core ethical values.
3. Recognize skills in support of SEE’s Tri-Factor Model of ethical functioning.

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Shooting at Freeman High School

Another school shooting, this time at Freeman High in Rockford, Washington. Another tragic loss of life and wounding of victims. Another round of court procedures, medical evaluations and the other associated consequences that will fall to the shooter who survived. Another recognition that warning signs were evident from a student who claims he was bullied. Another opportunity to talk about gun violence and violence in video gaming. It is all a little overwhelming when you consider there are reports that more than 200 school shootings have occurred since 2012.



There is obviously no one solution to this terrible pattern of events that seems to stalk US schools. There are conversations, however, that every secondary student and staff member should participate in on an annual basis. If I am associated in any capacity with a US secondary school, I should be aware of the warning signs of a potentially troubled individual, and I should know how and where to report my concerns.

These are ethical action steps that school leaders should clearly communicate throughout the school community. All community members should understand what actions should be taken in the event they become aware of a potentially harmful situation. SEE encourages students to discuss why they should report and what, if any, is their ethical obligation to the school community to report. In addition, do students recognize if they have an ethical obligation to report for the benefit of the troubled peer? We suggest ethical obligation could be defined by the application of [core ethical values](#) that are identified on SEE’s Reasoning with Ethics website.

Regarding the questions in this case, SEE welcomes students to post their response on our website at http://bit.ly/Ethics_Case where more information is available for *Reasoning with Ethics*. A video link for this archived case can be found at-- <http://bit.ly/Freeman-HS-Shooting>

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