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- Communicate the benefits of mindfulness on rewiring the brain and how to best teach 4. brain science to kids.
- 5. Devise ways to "get curious, not furious" with students by becoming more aware of root causes of behavior.
- 6. Develop 10 simple strategies to implement during transitions such as home to school, and class to class.
- 7. Determine 5 ways to support self-care for teachers.
- 8. Design a 5-step plan to create a mindful school community.

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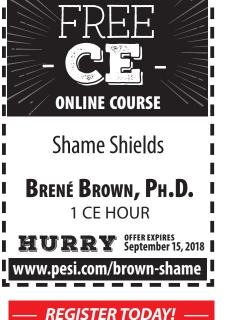
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Create a more responsive and less reactive classroom

Foster self-compassion and compassion for others

Develop a mindful classroom that fits into your busy school schedule

Increase self-management and self-awareness

Stay calm during stressful teacher moments

Explain to colleagues the importance of social and emotional growth through mindfulness

Come enjoy this experiential day to truly transform your classroom and your school!

Speaker

JAMES BUTLER, M.ED., is the mindfulness specialist for the Austin Independent School District (TX). Working in the Social and Emotional Learning Department, James has helped establish mindfulness in over 100 AISD schools. He has been leading mindfulness in classrooms from Pre-K through 12th grade, presenting workshops for teachers of all levels, sharing with parents/guardians, integrating mindfulness into high school athletics, and beginning programs where schools use mindfulness as a substitute for detention/ suspension. In 2014, James was named as the Austin Independent School District Teacher of the Year. In 2015, he developed a pilot program for mindfulness in elementary schools. James turned that pilot program into a curriculum titled Mindful Classrooms: 5 Minute Daily Practices to Empower Teachers and Students that is now being used in 500 classrooms and camps in TX, OH, DE, MT, and Dubai. He recently wrote a children's book titled Mindfulness Is that aligns with the curriculum.

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