



Character Counts

Character Counts is a program that brings valuable and positive character education to our school. The Six Pillars of Character is a framework for teaching good character and is composed of six ethical values or characteristics everyone can agree upon: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Courage, and Citizenship. Each of the six-character traits are used within our Character Counts program to help instill a positive learning environment for students and a culture of “kindness” to make our school a safe environment for students to learn.

The Six Pillars are:

Trustworthiness

Be honest*Don't deceive, cheat or steal*Be reliable—do what you say you'll do*Have the courage to do the right thing*Build a good reputation*Be loyal—stand by your family, friends and country

Respect

Treat others with respect and follow the Golden Rule*Be tolerant of differences*Use good manners, not bad language*Be considerate of the feelings of others*Don't threaten, hit or hurt anyone*Deal peacefully with anger, insults and disagreements

Responsibility

Do what you are supposed to do*Persevere: keep on trying! * Always do your best*Use self-control*Be self-disciplined*Think before you act—consider the consequences*Be accountable for your choices

Fairness

Play by the rules*Take turns and share*Be open-minded and listen to others*Don't take advantage of others*Don't blame others carelessly

Caring

Be kind*Be compassionate and show that you care*Express gratitude*Forgive others*Help people in need

Citizenship

Do your share to make your school and community better*Cooperate*Get involved in community affairs*Stay informed and vote*Be a good neighbor*Obey laws and rules*Respect authority*Protect the environment