

# CHARACTER COUNTS! <sup>SM</sup>

## Six Pillars of Character <sup>SM</sup>

**Trustworthiness**  
**Fairness**

**Respect**  
**Caring**

**Responsibility**  
**Citizenship**

### **Trustworthiness:**

Be honest. 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, school, and country. Don't deceive, cheat or steal.

### **Respect:**

Treat others with respect; follow the Golden Rule. Be tolerant of differences. Use good manners. Be considerate of the feelings of others. Don't threaten, hit or hurt anyone, or use bad language. 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; listen to others. Don't take advantage of others. Don't blame others.

### **Caring:**

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

### **Citizenship:**

Do your share to make your school and community better. Cooperate. Stay informed; vote. Be a good neighbor. Obey laws and rules. Respect authority. Protect the environment.

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