

Building Character

In this program, educators are given all the tools to implement a character education initiative that changes the school culture to a positive, safe place where adults and students alike celebrate working and learning together. Participants learn what character education is and is not, how to integrate it into the curriculum so it is not viewed as just another add-on to an already “filled to capacity” teaching day, and how to use it to create safe, well-managed classrooms where student disruptions are eliminated! Participating schools receive a binder of suggested activities to help them implement character education across all grade levels and curricular areas throughout the year. The positive results of the program are shared through student work samples, discipline statistics, standardized test results, visual aids, and teacher and administrator testimonials. Participants will also learn a ten-step process to implement and sustain the program over time. Suggestions are included for involving parents and community members in the character education process.

The components of the program include:

- A positive impact on the vision, safety, and culture of your school
- Unsafe school checklist
- Targeted student behaviors, ten monthly character themes, cross-curricular activities, student work samples
- Clarification of the role of administrator, teacher, parent, student, and community in program implementation
- Tips for securing teacher buy-in and sustaining program over time
- Student recognition and reward incentives
- Integrating service learning
- Celebrating successes and easy, ongoing program assessment and evaluation

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