

The Six Pillars of Character

(Definitions for Young People)

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;
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;
listen to others.
- Don't take advantage
of others.
- Don't blame
others carelessly.

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.