

CHARACTER EDUCATION

The New Hanover County Board of Education (Board) believes it is vital that the public schools support and sustain the efforts of families and the community to teach all young people certain fundamental, commonly agreed upon character traits. Support for character development strengthens the New Hanover County Schools' efforts to maintain a safe, friendly, and orderly environment where conditions for learning are optimal.

The Board further believes that the curriculum, instructional methods, student activities, and the school climate should be integrated to model and reinforce the following eight character traits. These eight character traits were identified and defined by the North Carolina General Assembly in 1996 and further defined in the "Student Citizenship Act of 2001," as follows:

- Courage;
- Good judgment;
- Integrity;
- Kindness;
- Perseverance;
- Respect;
- Responsibility;
- and self-discipline.

In addition to instruction of the above, New Hanover County Schools Curriculum shall include the following traits:

- Respect for school personnel;
- Responsibility for school safety;
- Service to others; and
- Good citizenship.

Members of the Board, Central Office administration, and all school system employees shall strive to model, reinforce, and uphold these traits.

LEGAL REFS: NCGS 115C-81(h)

CROSS REF: [Character Education Curriculum](#)

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