

FRIENDSWOOD ISD CHARACTER EDUCATION



Character education has been an important program in Friendswood schools for many years. In 1987, community representatives cooperatively identified a group of character traits, or values, which are held in common by all members of the Friendswood Community. The board of education directed that those values be emphasized in FISD schools and integrated into the instructional program whenever appropriate.

Emphasizing these character traits should provide the following results for students:

- Raise Self-esteem
- Promote self-discipline and responsible behavior,
- Improve decision making and problem-solving skills,
- Instill positive attitudes and values.

Listed below with descriptive attributes are those character traits which form the basis for Friendswood School District Character Education Program.

Self Esteem, Self Worth, Self Reliance, Dignity

Believe in yourself. Realizing that you are a worthy person. Acting consistently with your values and beliefs. Keeping your mind and body sound.

Responsibility, Accountability, Dependability

Exhibiting self-discipline. Recognizing that choices have natural consequences. Being accountable for your personal actions. Acting independently in a trusted, efficient manner. Honoring commitments.

Tolerance

Respecting diversity. Being willing to listen. Recognizing and respecting the opinions and practices of others without necessarily agreeing with them. Refusing to discriminate against others because of their race, religion, sex or age.

Respect for Others

Respecting the rights and property of others. Refraining from stealing and vandalizing. Using good manners and exhibiting courtesy.

Justice

Supporting what is right. Defending the rights of yourself and others. Obeying rules and laws. Respecting authority. Being fair.

Work Ethic, Doing One's Best, Ambition

Trying to live up to your full potential. Setting goals and striving to achieve them. Seeking knowledge. Feeling satisfaction with a job well done. Being enthusiastic and optimistic.

Honesty, Integrity, Truthfulness

Being truthful to yourself and others. Keeping your word. Knowing your beliefs. Standing up for your convictions. Refusing to cheat.

Compassion, Empathy, Forgiveness

Being unselfish. Sharing. Participating in service projects. Recognizing the needs of others and offering help. Showing mercy. Refraining from ridicule and gossip.

Loyalty

Being faithful to and offering support for your family and friends. Supporting your school, your community and your country. Being faithful to a cause or idea.

Patriotism

Loving freedom and your country. Supporting your country and governmental bodies. Knowing about laws, issues and dues process. Participating actively in the democratic process.