

S.T.A.R.S. POSITIVE BEHAVIOR, ANTI-BULLYING AND CHARACTER EDUCATION

S.T.A.R.S is a program that has been developed specifically for Elida Elementary School to provide a positive learning environment and school culture for all students within our building. The acronym **S.T.A.R.S.** is derived from the four main character traits or pillars that we feel are essential for students to succeed in school and throughout life, on both a personal and social level.

Self-control **T**eamwork **A**ttitude **R**espect = **S**uccess for our students.

Monthly class meetings will be used to provide a combination of character education and anti-bullying education, as well as review proper behavior on the buses and in non-instructional areas.

1. Monthly character education - The classroom meetings allow the teachers to introduce and implement the character trait of the month through age-appropriate lessons tied directly to the four STAR pillars (Self-control, Teamwork, Attitude, Respect). These character traits will then be reinforced throughout the building on a daily basis through good behavior games, classroom medal winners, visual reminders and recognition on bulletin boards.
2. Anti-bullying education - The classroom meetings will be designed to create cohesion and a safe classroom culture that addresses bullying and develops empathy within peer groups utilizing the monthly character trait.
3. Bus behavior and non-instructional areas - The classroom meeting will utilize both the character trait, as well as the anti-bullying education to reinforce proper behavior and positive choices on the buses and within non-instructional areas.

Additional Resources

saferschools.ohio.gov

stopbullying.gov