# PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Many problems in today's classroom can be traced to a lack of character, including bullying, disrespect, cheating, tardiness, vandalism, profanity, and drug abuse—which hinder childhood development, student achievement, school safety, and public confidence.

That's why more than 100,000 teachers, parents, and youth workers around the world have used Character First Education to help them define behavioral objectives, reinforce positive behaviors, and create a culture that values good character.



## **Professional Development**

Character First offers a **variety of in-service training topics** in order to meet your professional development needs.

Topics include:

- Character, Competence, & Consistency
- Bully No More
- Classroom Management Skills
- Dealing With Conflict
- Managing Workplace Stress



Students need character *and* competence in order to succeed. Character First brings these worlds together by developing a character vocabulary and applying each concept to life.

#### Curriculum

Character First offers dynamic, proven, research-based character education resources that make building character clear, fun, and memorable for children and teens. Pick and choose the best resources to fit your need and budget.

### **Implementation**

While character formation begins at home, we believe everyone who interacts with a child or teen has an opportunity to teach or encourage positive social values. We recommend focusing on one unit or one character trait each month in order to keep the character-focus alive.

Character First Education exists to help teachers, administrators, and parents build future leaders with character. We look forward to serving you!

#### Contact 877.357.0001 or www.CharacterFirstEd.com

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Character helps us build our ways of learning to learn.
Without that character, all the education in the world is meaningless.

**Deborah Craven** *Counselor*Crooked Oak Schools
Crooked Oak, Oklahoma

My experience with Character First has been unbelievable. I have had students go from failing grades to excelling grades. I have worked with at-risk youth for over 20 years and this curriculum is one of the best that I have seen.

Michael Grady Youth Mentor Houston, Texas

# Who Uses Character First?

- Elementary, Middle, and High Schools
- Public, Private, Charter, and Home Schools
- After-School Youth Programs
- Youth Sports Leagues
- Martial Arts & Gymnastics
- Colleges & Universities
- Families & Churches

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## **Elementary Curriculum**

The Character First elementary curriculum presents timeless character traits in a bold, fresh manner for grades pre-K through 5. These lessons are designed for students in public school, private school, home school, day care, summer camp, or any other educational setting.

Each unit of curriculum offers approximately 3 hours of step-by-step instructional material on a specific character quality. Lessons include discussion, exploration, memorization, activities, stories, projects, and games to make each character concept clear, fun, and memorable.

Anchor Chart Posters and Character Cards are also available for purchase. Plus, get FREE bonus materials at www.CharacterFirstEd.com, including videos of each poem, story, and song.

## Songbook & CD

This all-in-one music resource has what you need to teach 36 fun and memorable songs written for elementary ages. Includes accompaniment CDs with piano and children's voices.



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## **Secondary Curriculum ENGAGE Bully Prevention Curriculum**

ENGAGE is a research-based curriculum for teaching grades 5 through 12 how to identify, prevent, and respond to bullying.

Bullying in schools has drawn international attention as incidents have become more frequent and aggressive. It's time to engage this problem from the ground up—addressing the negative attitudes and root character issues that foster anti-social behavior.

Designed for public, private, or small group instruction.

### Intermediate Curriculum

This set of curriculum focuses on 36 character qualities for middle school students. Use the lessons to address issues such as communication and leadership skills, conflict resolution, health and wellness, school safety, decision-making, good citizenship, bully prevention, substance abuse, and academic achievement.

Focus on a different character quality each week or each month during an advisory period, homeroom time, or student elective.



Visit www.CharacterFirstEd.com for details and pricing.

