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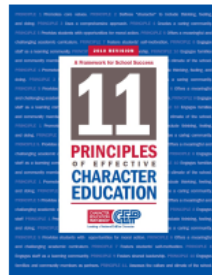
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## 11 Principles of Effective Character Education



A framework to help your school be its best.

## Download CEP's 11 Principles of Effective Character Education

Character Education Partnership worked with educators, researchers, and experts to develop the *11 Principles of Effective Character Education*. These guidelines can help improve your school climate and develop students of strong character - inspiring them to do well and do good.

In this framework, you will discover:

- Ways to improve academics, reduce bad behavior, and develop character.
- The standard by which State and National Schools of Character are evaluated.
- A valuable resource for teachers and administrators who want to make a difference in the lives of the children they serve.

The *11 Principles of Effective Character Education* will help you provide the best education possible to your students.

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## The 11 Principles at a Glance

The 11 Principles of Effective Character Education explains each of the 11 Principles and includes a scoring guide. It defines each principle more specifically in terms of two to four items that describe what the principle should “look like” when implemented.

- Principle 1:** The school community promotes core ethical and performance values as the foundation of good character.
- Principle 2:** The school defines “character” comprehensively to include thinking, feeling, and doing.
- Principle 3:** The school uses a comprehensive, intentional, and proactive approach to character development.
- Principle 4:** The school creates a caring community.
- Principle 5:** The school provides students with opportunities for moral action.
- Principle 6:** The school offers a meaningful and challenging academic curriculum that respects all learners, develops their character, and helps them to succeed.
- Principle 7:** The school fosters students’ self-motivation.
- Principle 8:** The school staff is an ethical learning community that shares responsibility for character education and adheres to the same core values that guide the students.
- Principle 9:** The school fosters shared leadership and long-range support of the character education initiative.
- Principle 10:** The school engages families and community members as partners in the character-building effort.
- Principle 11:** The school regularly assesses its culture and climate, the functioning of its staff as character educators, and the extent to which its students manifest good character.