

Six Pillars of Character

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- ◆ Put a plus sign where your person has strengths and a minus sign where they have weaknesses. If they are strong at times and weak at others, put a “+/-” (but be prepared to explain).

Trustworthiness

Be honest
Don't deceive, cheat or steal
Be reliable — do what you say you'll do
Have the courage to do the right thing
Build a good reputation
Be loyal — stand by your family, friends and country

Respect

Treat others with respect; follow the Golden Rule
Be tolerant of differences
Use good manners, not bad language
Be considerate of the feelings of others
Don't threaten, hit or hurt anyone
Deal peacefully with anger, insults and disagreements

Responsibility

Do what you are supposed to do
Persevere: keep on trying.
Always do your best
Use self-control; Be self-disciplined
Think before you act — consider the consequences
Be accountable for your choices

Fairness

Play by the rules; Take turns and share
Be open-minded; listen to others
Don't take advantage of others
Don't blame others carelessly

Caring

Be kind
Be compassionate and show you care
Express gratitude
Forgive others
Help people in need

Citizenship

Do your share to make your school and community better
Cooperate
Get involved in community affairs
Stay informed; vote
Be a good neighbor
Obey laws and rules; Respect authority
Protect the environment

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