

MIDLAND ISD

CORE CHARACTER TRAITS

FOR *Character Education*

School-Pride & Citizenship

Be a volunteer; serve your school and community, and encourage others to do likewise. Know and live by the principals upon which the United States of America was founded. Obey the law. Learn the history of your state and nation. Honor democracy. Vote. Stay informed about your country and its role in the world.

Fairness

Treat others as you would like to be treated. Listen and try to understand what others believe and feel. Be impartial. Give due credit to others. Be tolerant of diversity. Play by the rules; share with others. Strive for justice.

Trustworthiness & Integrity

Tell the truth. Be sincere. Be forthright and candid. Refrain from lying, stealing, cheating, and misleading others. Hold firm to a high code of ethical principles and personal convictions. Be trustworthy and keep your promises and commitments. Abide by both the spirit and letter of an agreement. Exhibit appropriate loyalty in relationships. Be your best self

Gratitude

Gratitude is pausing to notice and appreciate the things that we often take for granted, like having a place to live, food, clean water, friends, family, even computer access. It's taking a moment to reflect on how fortunate we are when something good happens – whether it's a small thing or a big thing.

Responsibility

Demonstrate reliability, dependability, and accountability. Think before you act; consider and accept the consequences of your actions. Set a good example. Exercise self-control. Be disciplined. Fulfill all your obligations.

Respect

Be courteous. Be considerate of other people's feelings, rights, and property. Affirm individual rights and freedoms. Honor parents, elders, and those in positions of authority.

Caring

Show that you care about self, others, and the environment through kindness, concern, and generosity. Demonstrate empathy for the feelings of others. Give of yourself and what you have for the benefit of others.

Courage

Take a stand. Hold to your convictions. Be willing to sacrifice self-interest for the greater good. Risk failure. Risk disfavor from others. Overcome fear and adversity.

Diligence

Work hard and work smart. Strive for excellence in everything you do. Do the best you can with what you have. Be attentive and persistent