

# The Six Pillars of Character

*(Definitions for Young People)*

## **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.
- Stay informed; vote.
- Be a good neighbor.
- Obey laws and rules.
- Respect authority.
- Protect the environment.