



Citizenship/Character Traits

The following traits are designed to guide the implementation of citizenship and good character into every aspect of the curriculum and all our activities. It is the belief of Plano ISD that these traits are necessary for the existence of a democratic society.

Courtesy

Courtesy, respect for and consideration of others, is a component for all successful human interactions and enriches our associations with one another.

Honesty

Honesty implies a refusal to lie, steal, or deceive in any way and is a necessary foundation for the individual in all his/her relationships with other individuals and with the basic social institutions (family, school, community, and nation).

Human Worth and Dignity

Every human being intrinsically possesses worth and dignity and therefore, deserves the respect of others.

Justice

Justice, conformity to truth, fact, or reason requires a sense of fairness and an appreciation of the difference between right and wrong.

Patriotism

Patriotism encompasses love, respect, and loyalty to the United States of America and willingness to use legal processes to effect change.

Personal Obligation for the Public Good

To insure the survival of a democracy, citizens need a sense of social accountability for the public good which may require personal sacrifice.

Respect for Self and Others

Citizens must have self-respect and a realization and appreciation of each individual's unique set of moral, intellectual, and physical attributes to have a positive effect on society.

Respect for Authority

Peace and harmony in society require respect for duty and democratically constituted authority.

Courage

Courage implies a firmness of mind and will and ability to meet difficulty with fortitude and resilience and requires a quality of temperament enabling one to hold one's own when opposed or threatened.

Discipline

Discipline is the demonstration of dependability and conscientiousness in discharging one's responsibilities.

Tolerance

Tolerance is the understanding and acknowledgment of others' ideas, beliefs, and values and is essential for the successful functioning of a diverse society.

Responsibility

Each person must develop a sense of personal responsibility for his conduct and obligations in order to function effectively in the family, school, and community as well as the nation.

