## **CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT - TOP 8 VALUES**

#### **RESPECT**

Follow the Golden Rule

Treat others the way you want to be treated

Respect the dignity, privacy and freedom of all individuals

Value and honor all people, no matter what they can do for you or to you

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

Courteous regard for people's feelings; "out of respect for his/her privacy"

Judge others on their character, abilities, and conduct without regard to race, religion, gender

#### INITIATIVE

CONT. IMPROVEMENT SELF-DISCIPLINE

Do what you are supposed to do

Persevere: keep on trying

Always do your best

Be self-disciplined

Think before you act — consider the consequences

Be accountable for your choices

Being accountable, or answerable,

Taking care one's self and others

– to carry out a duty or task
carefully and thoroughly

Accept responsibility for the consequences of your choices, not only for what you do but what you don't do

Without it, few can succeed

Urge to increase one's knowledge and skills in an area

# INTEGRITY

HONESTY RELIABILITY

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 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

Be loyal — stand by your family, friends and country

Worthy of confidence; reliable

Steadfast adherence to a strict code of moral, ethical or artistic values

To be consistently truthful and fair truthfulness and sincerity

### **COOPERATION**

TEAMWORK FAIRNESS

Be fair and just

Treat people equally

Make decisions without favoritism or prejudice

The consequences for wrongdoing are consistent, certain, and proportional (not too harsh or lenient)

Be open-minded and impartial — consider what people have to say before you decide

Be careful — get the facts, including opposing viewpoints, before making decisions (especially blaming or accusing another)

Showing regard for self worth, someone or something

SOCIAL	KINDNESS	EMPATHY	HOPE
RESPONSIBILITY  CITIZENSHIP		Be kind	Be positive
Do your share to make your school and community better	Compassion  Generosity	Be compassionate and show you care	Civility and cheerfulness  We look on the brighter side of
Cooperate	Concern for suffering or distress	Express gratitude	situations.
Get involved in community affairs	of others	Forgive others	We are able to see opportunities even in the face of adversity.
Stay informed; vote	Response to feelings and needs	Help people in need	We look to brighter future.
Be a good friend and neighbor	Helpfulness	feeling and exhibiting concern and empathy for others; "caring friends"	
Obey laws and rules		understanding, sensing and	
Respect authority		sharing in feelings and emotions of others	
Respect others' property — take good care of property you are allowed to use and don't take or		Be compassionate and empathetic	
use property without permission		Be kind, loving, and considerate	
Respect the autonomy of others — tell them what they should know to make good choices		Be thankful and express gratitude for what people do for you	
about their own lives		Forgive others for their shortcomings	
Listen to others and try to understand their points of view			
Do what you can do to make things better			