

What is character education?

- Character education is not one more thing to add to your plate - it is the plate
- Character is the composite of our good habits or virtues and our bad habits & vices.
- The goal of character education is to provide our children with what is needed to help them become ethical, responsible people - to become virtuous persons of character.
- Character education is not a separate course. Character education is an educational style that invigorates the culture and ethos of a school.
- Character education is most successful when it permeates the entire school community - in the classroom, academics, extracurricular activities, hallways, cafeteria, playing fields, school buses, and in a partnership with the home.
- Students can not improve in the classroom by raising academic standards alone. Student need character education because they must concurrently be helped to raise personal goals by both developing and strengthening personal and intellectual character traits.
- Character education aims to encourage and foster core virtues or character traits/attributed. These include respect for self and others, responsibility, caring, compassion, fairness, trustworthiness, honesty, civility, courage, and citizenship.