

# Six Pillars of Character

## 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 • Get involved in community affairs • Stay informed; vote • Be a good neighbor • Obey laws and rules • Respect authority • Protect the environment

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Help young people remember the Pillars by using these creative devices.

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### COLOR SCHEME

**Trustworthiness: blue**

Think "true blue"

**Respect: yellow/gold**

Think The Golden Rule

**Responsibility: green**

Think being responsible for a garden or finances; or as in being solid and reliable like an oak

**Fairness: orange**

Think of dividing an orange into equal sections to share fairly with friends

**Caring: red**

Think of a heart

**Citizenship: purple**

Think regal purple as representing the state

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### T R R F C C

Students can use this acronym to help them remember that people with good character are *terrific*:

**T** rustworthiness

**R** espect

**R** esponsibility

**F** airness

**C** aring

**C** itizenship