

ANACORTES SCHOOL DISTRICT #103

Procedure No. 2130-P
Instruction

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

Moral and/or character development occurs both affectively and cognitively. For purposes of providing a focus for a school that strives to enhance character development, the following attributes of a morally mature person as defined by the ASCD Panel on Moral Education are offered as targets for a school that wishes to facilitate a program of character development:

The morally mature person habitually:

1. **Respects human dignity**, which includes
showing regard for the worth and rights of all persons
avoiding deception and dishonesty
promoting human equality
respecting freedom of conscience
working with people of different views, and
refraining from prejudiced actions.
2. **Cares about the welfare of others**, which includes
recognizing interdependence among people
caring for one's country
seeking social justice
taking pleasure in helping others, and
working to help others reach moral maturity.
3. **Integrates individual interests and social responsibilities**, which includes
becoming involved in community life
doing a fair share of community work
displaying self-regarding and other-regarding moral virtues--self-control, diligence, fairness,
kindness, honesty, civility--in every day life
fulfilling commitments, and
developing self-esteem through relationships with others.
4. **Demonstrates integrity**, which includes
practicing diligence
taking stands for moral principles
displaying moral courage
knowing when to compromise and when to confront, and
accepting responsibility for one's choices.
5. **Reflects on moral choices**, which includes
recognizing the moral issues involved in a situation
applying moral principles when making moral judgments
thinking about the consequences of decisions, and
seeking to be informed about important moral issues in society and the world.
6. **Seeks peaceful resolution of conflict**, which includes
striving for the fair resolution of personal and social conflicts
avoiding physical and verbal aggression
listening carefully to others, and
encouraging others to communicate.

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