

Character First! Education

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Target audience:

All school staff

Description of Services:

Are you looking for solutions to the character challenges you face in the classroom? Are you looking for ways to teach your students how to make good decisions? If so, Character First! Education may offer the training and resources you need.

Training:

In-service training is vital so that teachers know how character can be integrated with their regular schools activities as they emphasize good character, correct character deficiencies and reinforce positive character with praise. Live training seminars (4 hours) can be scheduled to provide on site training for teachers and faculty, or schools can take advantage of a 6-part video series to train teachers at their own pace.

Curriculum:

The *Character First! Education* curriculum provides a host of lessons teachers can pick and choose to explain each character quality to their students. The curriculum includes a 16 page Teacher's Guide with stories; object lessons, reading assignments, or other activities for wither primary or secondary grade levels. Support materials such as posters, music, *Student Guides*

(elementary, middle and secondary levels) and collectible *Character Cards* are also available to reinforce each lesson.

Implementation:

Most schools focus on nine character qualities each year – usually one per month. On the appointed day, teachers introduce the new quality, its definition, and five key concepts provided in the curriculum. This can be done during home room time, in a school wide assembly, by counselors or by the classroom teacher. The quality is then reinforced throughout the following days and weeks using life’s teachable moments plus activities and lessons selected from the Teacher’s Guides. The last step is for teachers to follow an effective plan for praising their students as they see them exhibit good character in their lives. Character recognitions provide the positive affirmation needed to change student attitudes.

For more information regarding training and curriculum, please go to our website at www.characterfirst.com.