

Arizona Board of Education Character Education Guidelines

Guidelines accepted by the Arizona State Board of Education for its website related to instruction of moral, ethic, and civic characteristics (as required by S.B 1216)

Guideline #1

- Encouraging Arizona educators to seek out, research and identify programs which provide materials, background and philosophies that help reach these guidelines and may be suitable to your educational organization.

Guideline #2

- Recognizing that instilling moral, ethical and civic characteristics is an intrinsic part of an Arizona educator's responsibilities.
- Examples of characteristics deemed important to the establishment of moral, ethical and civic foundations may include: integrity; dependability; honesty; fairness; generosity; respectfulness; responsibility; etc.

Guideline #3

Instilling moral, ethical and civic characteristics in Arizona students can be best achieved through positive support structures at the individual, family, school and community levels.

Examples of positive support structures at the individual, family, school and community levels may include:

- Open and continuous communication between all parties, including the student as deemed necessary;
- Respectful and caring relationships;
- Inclusion of parental involvement in actions impacting the instruction of moral, ethical and civic characteristics; and
- Providing an environment that promotes security, learning, and clear expectations of children/students.

Guideline #4

Recognizing and sustaining the duties, rights and privileges of our nation and the communities we live in.

Examples of sustaining civic responsibilities may include:

- Volunteering in the community; and
- Exercising personal rights.