

Pillar – ize School Wide Activities

Schoolwide activities

1. Word/trait of the month/week
2. Morning announcements
3. Posters
4. Pride campaigns
5. Mottos/slogans
6. Quotations of the week
7. Library exhibits and booklets
8. Codes and rules of conduct
9. Pledges
10. Theme assemblies
11. Awards and prizes
12. Contests
13. Ceremonies and rituals
14. Cafeteria "table tents" and signs
15. Recognition wall for student achievement
16. Hallway displays
17. Student/faculty task forces
18. Six Pillars of Character clubs
19. Faculty trainings/discussions
20. Parent meetings/workshops
21. Parent/faculty task forces
22. Peer counseling/mentoring
23. Cross-age tutoring/mentoring
24. School service projects
25. Community service projects
26. Charity fundraisers
27. Student-designed T-shirts
28. School murals
29. Authorized positive graffiti/tagging walls

Classroom activities

1. Character-building lessons integrated into regular coursework
(See the [CHARACTER COUNTS! Lesson Plan Bank](#).)
2. Special modules added to existing courses
3. Separate courses added to curriculum
4. Special pre-semester or weekend programs
5. Personal assignments
6. Reading (see our [book list](#))
7. Personal journal keeping
8. Essay writing
9. Coat of arms creations
10. Personal mission statements

Individual or group projects

1. Cartoon drawing
2. Original quotations
3. Picture books (for younger children)
4. Poster making
5. Song writing and performing
6. Play writing and performing
7. Video making
8. Commercial writing
9. Journalistic-style interviews
10. Speech presentations

Extra-curricular activities

1. Student government
2. Service clubs
3. Sports programs
4. Cheerleader/drill teams
5. Band/choir/drama groups
6. Newspaper/yearbook programs

Improving school climate

1. Heavy emphasis on modeling by adults and student leaders
2. Written rules and expectations for students, faculty, administrators and parents
3. Training for all staff, from bus drivers to district superintendents
4. Committees and task forces involving teachers and other staff, parents, and students
5. Playground and recess activities
6. Rules and expectations
7. Monitoring and enforcement

Nonathletic youth activities

1. Rules of conduct/ statements of expectations for youth, parents and adult leaders
2. Peer and cross-age mentoring
3. Exercises on decision making based on the Six Pillars
4. Newsletters
5. Songs
6. Assemblies and conferences
7. Contests
8. Prizes and awards
9. Ceremonies
10. Displays and distribution of CHARACTER COUNTS! posters, banners and other materials
11. Adult leader trainings
12. Youth leader trainings

Sports leagues

1. Rules of conduct/ statements of expectations for players, parents, coaches, referees
2. Pre- and post-season parent meetings
3. Game-related instruction
4. Prizes and awards
5. Short discussions during each practice
6. Postgame rituals