

Character-Centered Teaching

A Guide to Creating Teachable Moments for Character Education

Character-Centered Teaching was developed for teachers, principals, superintendents, guidance counselors and other school personnel who wish to improve student achievement by developing or enhancing a character education initiative. The Character-Centered Teaching approach is a practical system of addressing student behavior based on guiding principles. It uses a framework for teachers to integrate character education into their lessons and practice strategies for students to assimilate the guiding principles.

Character-Centered Teaching is a how-to manual for developing a comprehensive character education initiative. It also contains everything a school or district needs to conduct staff development in character education:

- video presentations
- activities for staff development
- strategies to promote good character

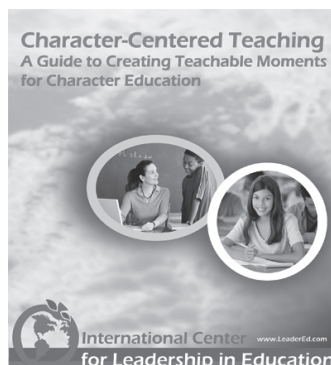
- posters for the classroom
- handouts for teachers and student use.

Character-Centered Teaching is based on the idea that developing good character in students begins with teachers modeling positive character attributes through their teaching style and in the way they relate to students. At the same time, teachers actively help students learn and practice the guiding principles by coaching, supporting, directing and empowering them. Skills and methods are provided in Character-Centered Teaching to assist teachers in assuming these interactive roles.

Character-Centered Teaching recognizes the importance of involving parents and the community in the character education initiative. The kit contains a chapter on character-centered parenting as well as numerous suggestions for garnering support and input for the guiding principles right from the start.

Has there ever been a time when the need for character education seemed greater? We have been shocked by horrible acts of violence in our nation's schools, which traumatize students and faculty and disrupt learning.

For teachers to deliver academic instruction effectively, a peaceful school environment is essential. Character-Centered Teaching can help create a safe and respectful environment conducive to learning.



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The Twelve Guiding Principles of Exceptional Character

- ✓ respect
- ✓ responsibility
- ✓ trustworthiness
- ✓ loyalty
- ✓ honesty
- ✓ compassion
- ✓ courage
- ✓ perseverance
- ✓ contemplation
- ✓ initiative
- ✓ optimism
- ✓ adaptability

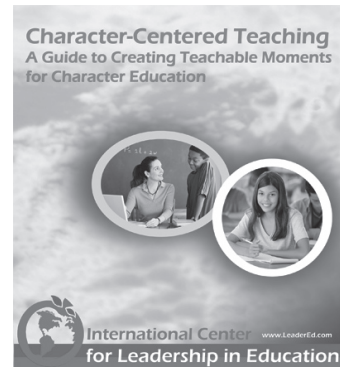


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