

Fullerton Joint Union High School District

Moral and Civic Values

The Board of Trustees of the Fullerton Joint Union High School District subscribes to the belief that public education must foster in students an understanding of the moral values and civic responsibilities that form the foundation of American society. It is important that all school personnel promote in students the acceptance of commonly held principles of right and wrong, concern for the welfare of others, and respect for democratic practices. On October 4, 1994, the Board of Trustees endorsed the following list of moral and civic values and the accompanying definitions which are stated as behaviors exemplified by students living up to these values.

Civic Duty

Demonstrates a commitment to the public good; works for the community and cooperates with others; respects and participates in the democratic process; observes all laws and rules; and resolves conflicts peacefully.

Compassion and Empathy

Demonstrates caring, concern, and sensitivity; exhibits tolerance; treats others politely, mercifully, and with respect and dignity; and renders service when needed.

Honesty

Tells truth; does not cheat, intentionally mislead, or steal; possesses the courage to behave and conduct interactions with integrity; exhibits consistency between words and actions; behaves in a fair and straightforward manner; and conscientiously pursues and scrutinizes evidence that supports the truth.

Perseverance

Exhibits patience and hard work in achieving goals; works, learns, and pursues constructive goals, even in the face of adversity.

Respect

Treats all people equitably, justly, and fairly; affirms the worth of self, others, property, and the environment through attitudes and actions.

Responsibility

Accepts the necessity of being accountable and the consequences of individual actions, reactions, and decisions; honors commitments; demonstrates an active commitment to the welfare of self and others.

Students will have to make moral and ethical choices throughout their lives. The goal of emphasizing moral and civic values in the District's instructional programs is to provide the knowledge of what an ethical choice is; to distinguish between what can be done from what should be done; and to provide tools for maintaining the strength and character of our successful American democratic society and government.