

CHARACTER EDUCATION

Character is what a person is inside. Our character is revealed by how we act when we think no one else is looking. It is how we treat people who we think cannot help or hurt us. A person of good character has good ethical values that distinguish right from wrong and a strong commitment to do what is right even when it is inconvenient, uncomfortable, or personally costly. Character, in short, is moral strength.

Good character does not develop spontaneously. Rather, it is the result of conscientious efforts to instill and reinforce ethical values in a way that makes them second nature. That is where our Character Education Program here at Spartanburg Preparatory School, plays into your children's life. Through our Character Counts Curriculum, we are preparing your children to be upstanding moral and ethical citizens that will do their part in making their family, school, community, and country a better place for everyone.

Our Character Counts Curriculum is organized around the Six Pillars of Character, a character development framework developed by the CHARACTER COUNTS Coalition, an alliance of hundreds of leading educational, youth-serving, and community organizations dedicated to strengthening the character of youth.

Our character program is divided into 8 sections throughout the school year, with each dedicated to a specific value. In our Character Counts curriculum, we will examine the Six Pillars of Character, which are trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship. Along with our Character Counts curriculum, we've added 2 other focus topics to our program, and they are Bullying and Emotion Management.

We examine the nature and importance of character through writing assignments, discussions, readers theaters, and hands-on activities. With the help of everyone involved in helping your children become the best person they can be, we are sure that they will achieve exactly that.

"Ability gets you to the top. Character keeps you there" - Unknown

"Intelligence is not enough. Intelligence plus character ... that is the true goal of education" - Martin Luther King Jr.