

Kansas Social-Emotional Character Development

Grades 6-8

Character Development **CD**

I CORE PRINCIPLES **CD.I**

- A** Recognize, select and ascribe to a set of core ethical and performance principles as a foundation of good character and be able to define character comprehensively to include thinking, feeling and doing. **CD.I.A**
 - 1** Compare and contrast personal core principles with personal behavior. **CD.I.A.1**
 - 2** Illustrate and discuss personal core principles in the context of relationships and of classroom work. **CD.I.A.2**
- B** Develop, implement, promote and model core ethical and performance principles. **CD.I.B**
 - 1** Analyze community needs in the larger community; analyze effects on the community; design positive, responsible action; and reflect on personal involvement. **CD.I.B.1**
 - 2** Develop ethical reasoning through discussions of ethical issues in content areas. **CD.I.B.2**
 - 3** Create clear and consistent expectations of good character throughout all school activities and in all areas of the school. **CD.I.B.3**
 - 4** Practice and receive feedback on responsible actions, including academic and behavioral skills. **CD.I.B.4**
- C** Create a caring community. **CD.I.C**
 - 1** Consider it a high priority to foster caring attachments between fellow students, staff and the community. **CD.I.C.1**
 - a** Analyze characteristics of a caring relationship and hurtful relationship. **CD.I.C.1.A**
 - b** Compare and contrast characteristics of a caring relationship and hurtful relationship. **CD.I.C.1.B**
 - c** Engage in and model relationships in their family, school and community that are caring. **CD.I.C.1.C**
 - 2** Demonstrate mutual respect and utilize strategies to build a safe and supportive culture. **CD.I.C.2**
 - a** Compare and contrast different points of view respectfully. **CD.I.C.2.A**
 - b** Practice effective listening skills to understand values, attitudes and intentions. **CD.I.C.2.B**
 - c** Model respectful ways to respond to others' points of views. **CD.I.C.2.C**
 - d** Utilize multiple media and technologies ethically and respectfully, evaluate its effectiveness and assess its impact. **CD.I.C.2.D**
 - 3** Take steps to prevent peer cruelty or violence and deal with it effectively when it occurs digitally, verbally, physically and/or relationally. **CD.I.C.3**
 - a** Differentiate behavior as bullying or not, based on the power of the individuals who are involved. **CD.I.C.3.A**

- b** Model positive peer interactions that are void of bullying behaviors. **CD.I.C.3.B**
- c** Compare and contrast how bullying affects the targets of bullying, bystanders and the student who bullies. **CD.I.C.3.C**
- d** Practice effective strategies to use when bullied, including how to identify and advocate for personal rights. **CD.I.C.3.D**
- e** Analyze how a bystander can be part of the problem or part of the solution by becoming an “up stander” (someone who stands up against injustice). **CD.I.C.3.E**
- f** Apply empathic concern and try to understand the perspective or point of view of others. **CD.I.C.3.F**

II RESPONSIBLE DECISION-MAKING AND PROBLEM-SOLVING CD.II

A Develop, implement and model responsible decision-making skills. CD.II.A

- 1** Consider multiple factors in decision-making, including ethical and safety factors, personal and community responsibilities, and short-term and long-term goals. CD.II.A.1
 - a** Manage safe and unsafe situations. CD.II.A.1.A
 - b** Monitor how responsible decision-making affects progress toward achieving a goal. CD.II.A.1.B
 - c** Students recognize consequences of sexual behavior, including sexual consent and the inability of minors to give consent. CD.II.A.1.C
- 2** Organize personal time and manage personal responsibilities effectively. CD.II.A.2
 - a** Analyze daily schedule of school work and activities for effectiveness and efficiency. CD.II.A.2.A
 - b.** Recognize how, when and who to ask for help and utilize the resources available. CD.II.A.2.B
 - c** Monitor factors that will inhibit or advance effective time management. CD.II.A.2.C
- 3** Play a developmentally appropriate role in classroom management and school governance. CD.II.A.3
 - a** Construct and model classroom expectations and routines. CD.II.A.3.A
 - b** Compare and contrast behaviors that do or do not support classroom management. CD.II.A.3.B

B Develop, implement and model effective problem-solving skills. CD.II.B

- 1** Identify specific feelings about the problem and apply appropriate self-regulation skills. CD.II.B.1
 - 2** State what the problem is, and identify the perspectives of those involved. CD.II.B.2
 - 3** Identify desired outcome and discuss if it is attainable. CD.II.B.3
 - 4** Use creativity and innovation to generate multiple possible solutions and discuss each option in relation to resources, situation and personal principles. CD.II.B.4
 - 5** Identify best solution and analyze if it is likely to work. CD.II.B.5
 - 6** Generate a plan for carrying out the chosen option. CD.II.B.6
 - 7** Evaluate the effects of the solution. CD.II.B.7
 - 8** Understand resiliency and how to make adjustments and amendments to the plan. CD.II.B.8
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I SELF-AWARENESS PD.I

- A Understand and analyze thoughts, mindsets and emotions. PD.I.A
 - 1 Describe common emotions and effective behavioral responses. PD.I.A.1
 - 2 Recognize common stressors and the degree of emotion experienced. PD.I.A.2
 - 3 Analyze and assess reactions to emotions in multiple domains (for example, in face-to-face or electronic communication). PD.I.A.3

- B Identify and assess personal qualities and external supports. PD.I.B
 - 1 Analyze personality traits, personal strengths, weaknesses, interests, and abilities. PD.I.B.1
 - 2 Inventory personal preferences. PD.I.B.2
 - 3 Describe benefits of various personal qualities, (for example, honesty, curiosity and creativity). PD.I.B.3
 - 4 Describe benefits of reflecting on personal thoughts, feelings and actions. PD.I.B.4
 - 5 Identify self-enhancement/self-preservation strategies. PD.I.B.5
 - 6 Identify common resources and role models for problem-solving. PD.I.B.6
 - 7 Recognize how behavioral choices impact success. PD.I.B.7
 - 8 Identify additional external supports (for example, friends, inspirational characters in literature, historical figures and media representations). PD.I.B.8

II SELF-MANAGEMENT PD.II

- A Understand and practice strategies for managing and regulating thoughts and behaviors. PD.II.A
 - 1 Identify multiple techniques to manage stress and maintain confidence. PD.II.A.1
 - 2 Distinguish between facts and opinions, as well as logical and emotional appeals. PD.II.A.2
 - 3 Recognize effective behavioral responses to strong emotional situations. PD.II.A.3
 - 4 Recognize different models of decision-making (for example, authoritative, consensus, democratic, individual). PD.II.A.4
 - 5 Recognize cause and effect relationships. PD.II.A.5
 - 6 Recognize logical fallacies, bias, hypocrisy, contradiction, distortion and rationalization. PD.II.A.6
 - 7 Practice effective communication (for example, listening, reflecting and responding). PD.II.A.7
 - 8 Recognizing the impact of personal care. PD.II.A.8
 - B Reflect on perspectives and emotional responses. PD.II.B
 - 1 Demonstrate personal responsibilities to self and others (for example, friends, family, school, community, state, country, culture and world). PD.II.B.1
 - 2 Practice environmental responsibilities. PD.II.B.2
 - 3 Practice and reflect on democratic responsibilities. PD.II.B.3
 - 4 Describe positive and negative experiences that shape personal perspectives. PD.II.B.4
 - 5 Demonstrate empathy in a variety of settings and situations. PD.II.B.5
 - 6 Evaluate causes and effects of impulsive behavior. PD.II.B.6
 - C Set, monitor, adapt and evaluate personal goals to achieve in school and life. PD.II.C
 - 1 Analyze factors that lead to the achievement of goals. PD.II.C.1
 - 2 Describe the effect personal habits have on school and personal goals. PD.II.C.2
 - 3 Identify factors that may negatively affect personal success. PD.II.C.3
 - 4 Describe common and creative strategies for overcoming or mitigating obstacles. PD.II.C.4
 - 5 Explain the role of meaningful practice in skill development. PD.II.C.5
 - 6 Design action plans for achieving short-term and long-term goals. PD.II.C.6
 - 7 Utilize school, family, community and other external supports. PD.II.C.7
 - 8 Establish criteria for evaluating goals. PD.II.C.8
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Social Development SD

I SOCIAL AWARENESS SD.I

- A Recognize the thoughts, feelings and perspectives of others. SD.I.A
 - 1 Identify ways to express empathy. SD.I.A.1
 - 2 Recognize nonverbal cues in the behaviors of others. SD.I.A.2
 - 3 Demonstrate respect for other people’s perspectives. SD.I.A.3
 - 4 Recognize how behaviors impact others’ perceptions of oneself. SD.I.A.4
- B Demonstrate awareness of cultural development and a respect for human dignity and differences. SD.I.B
 - 1 Analyze the impact of stereotyping, discrimination and prejudice. SD.I.B.1
 - 2 Practice strategies for accepting and respecting similarities and differences. SD.I.B.2
 - 3 Practice “perspective taking” as a strategy to increase acceptance of others. SD.I.B.3
 - 4 Demonstrate a growth mindset and willingness to integrate diverse points of view. SD.I.B.4
 - 5 Analyze how culture impacts historical events. SD.I.B.5

II INTERPERSONAL SKILLS SD.II

- A Demonstrate communication and social skills to interact effectively. SD.II.A
 - 1 Determine when and how to respond to the needs of others demonstrating empathy, respect and compassion. SD.II.A.1
 - 2 Monitor how facial expressions, body language and tone impact interactions. SD.II.A.2
 - 3 Engage in advocacy and/or refusal skills during times of bullying, harassment, intimidation or abusive behavior. SD.II.A.3
 - 4 Engage and respond in personal and social discourse and receive feedback to make decisions that will lead to personal and social change. SD.II.A.4
 - 5 Understand group dynamics and respond appropriately. SD.II.A.5
 - 6 Appraise and demonstrate professionalism and proper etiquette. SD.II.A.6
 - 7 Identify appropriate and inappropriate uses of social and other media and the potential repercussions and implications. SD.II.A.7
- B Develop and maintain positive relationships. SD.II.B
 - 1 Evaluate how self-regulation and relationships impact your life. SD.II.B.1
 - 2 Understand how safe and risky behaviors affect relationships and one's health and well-being. SD.II.B.2
 - 3 Respond in a healthy manner to peer pressure against self and others. SD.II.B.3
 - 4 Identify the impact of social media in relationships. SD.II.B.4
 - 5 Identify the difference between safe and risky behaviors and understand effective responses. SD.II.B.5
- C Demonstrate an ability to prevent, manage and resolve interpersonal conflicts. SD.II.C
 - 1 To resolve differences apply conflict resolution skills while being encouraging and affirming. SD.II.C.1
 - 2 Practice greater active listening and respectful communication skills. SD.II.C.2
 - 3 Identify role in managing and resolving conflict (for example, staying calm, listening to all sides, being open to different solutions). SD.II.C.3
 - 4 Reflect on previous experiences to gain conflict management skills. SD.II.C.4