Texas Character Traits

Positive Character Traits and Personal Skills, Grades 6-8

Knowledge and skills. PCTPS-6-8

1 **Trustworthiness. The student understands how personal skills, choices, and actions build trustworthiness. The student is expected to:** PCTPS-6-8.1

- A describe what it means to be reliable and loyal; PCTPS-6-8.1A
- B define and give examples of honesty and integrity; PCTPS-6-8.1B
- C examine the benefits of being trustworthy; and PCTPS-6-8.1C
- D describe personal actions that demonstrate trustworthiness at school, home, with peers, and within the community. PCTPS-6-8.1D

2 **Responsibility. The student understands how personal beliefs and feelings and self-management skills influence one's sense of responsibility. The student is expected to:** PCTPS-6-8.2

- A examine how personal beliefs, thoughts, and feelings about self can build responsibility; PCTPS-6-8.2A
- B identify and describe personal role models who demonstrate what it means to be accountable for words and actions; PCTPS-6-8.2B
- C discuss the benefits of practicing self-management skills; and PCTPS-6-8.2C
- D compare the benefits of responsible behavior with the consequences of irresponsible behavior. PCTPS-6-8.2D

3 **Caring. The student understands how interpersonal skills and characteristics of caring impact personal relationships. The student is expected to:** PCTPS-6-8.3

- A evaluate one's personal attitudes and mindsets about self and others; PCTPS-6-8.3A
- B discuss how feelings, decision making, personal behaviors, and interpersonal skills can influence relationships with others; and PCTPS-6-8.3B
- C explain and identify examples of how a person can demonstrate empathy through kindness, charity, generosity, and courtesy. PCTPS-6-8.3C

4 **Good citizenship. The student understands how responsible decision making and good citizenship impact personal relationships. The student is expected to:** PCTPS-6-8.4

- A differentiate between personal responsibility and responsible decision making and give examples of each; PCTPS-6-8.4A

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B explain how one's personal actions can impact the perception of others; and PCTPS-6-8.4B

C identify and practice a variety of conflict-resolution skills and strategies. PCTPS-6-8.4C