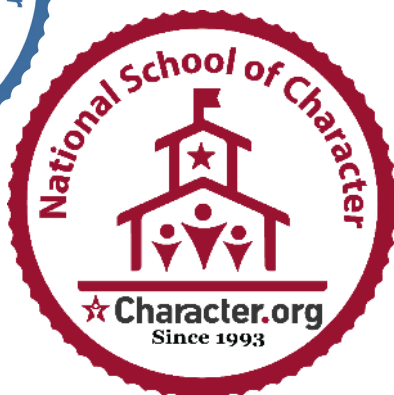




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2021 Schools of Character Recognition Booklet





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Red Bank Charter School	Red Bank, NJ
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State and National Schools of Character Program Description



The School of Character Program was initiated by the Character Education Partnership (now Character.org) to recognize schools across the country demonstrating an exemplary level of implementation of the *Eleven Principles of Effective Character Education*. Originally, this program was competitive with only ten schools being chosen each year as National Schools of Character. Teams of reviewers knowledgeable in the field of character education and familiar with the *Eleven Principles* evaluated applications from schools applying to be Schools of Character.

In 2006, the School of Character Program was expanded to include State Schools of Character (SSOC). New Jersey was the first state to conduct state-level evaluations and the first four State Schools of Character were named by New Jersey in 2006. The New Jersey School of Character Program was initially sponsored by CEP, the Center for Social and Character Development at Rutgers University (CSCD) and the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE). The Rutgers Center coordinated the program from 2006 to 2010. The responsibility for the NJSOC program was transferred to the New Jersey Alliance for Social, Emotional and Character Development (NJASECD), a volunteer professional organization envisioned by CSCD in 2011. The New Jersey Schools of Character program recognizes schools and districts that excel in exemplifying the *Eleven Principles of Effective Character Education* and demonstrate an outstanding character education initiative that yields positive results in student behavior, school climate, and academic performance. State Schools of Character are then evaluated by national site visitors for recognition as National Schools of Character. National Schools of Character serve as models and ambassadors of effective character education.

2021 New Jersey District of Character

Rockaway Township School District ★

Grades: Pre-K-8

District: Rockaway Township School District

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Although the **Rockaway Township School District** may be small in size with just 2,300 students, it is big in character accomplishments. Appropriately, after getting the input of ALL stakeholders it chose H.E.A.R.T.(honesty, empathy, acceptance, respect, trust) core values that are encircled by effort to make the HEART work. All six schools have been recognized as NJ Schools of Character, and strong district support has helped its schools garner 10 Promising Practices. During the pandemic, all schools worked intentionally to build connections by promoting SEL through videos, student-centered presentations, and innovative programs.

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Alan B. Shepard Elementary School ★

Grades: K-5

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Alan B. Shepard Elementary School, the first school in Old Bridge Township Public Schools to be recognized as a National School of Character, became the impetus for a district-wide transformation, helping all its schools to become National Schools of Character, with the district also gaining recognition. Recertified for the second time, Shepard uses data to drive interventions and activities, continues to do remarkable outreach, and, during the pandemic, made certain that social, emotional and character programming was in place so that children and families could thrive during the crisis.

Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy ★

Grades: 9-12

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As an AVID school, **Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy** seeks to bridge the achievement gap for 995 underserved students by preparing them to be successful members of a global society. The SEL component is part of the Hamilton core DNA and is shown through Lions' PRIDE (perseverance, respect, integrity, diversity, excellence). Hamilton has incorporated the PRIDE logo and principles into school-wide writing prompts, interactive BINGO game, and PRIDE teacher referrals for students displaying exemplary character. Practices such as the Panorama SEL initiative and the Harmony Power initiative strengthen its approach to building character.

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Birchwood Elementary School ★

Grades: K-5

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Proud of a student body that is truly diverse, with 22% of its students in special education and 23% on free or reduced lunch, **Birchwood Elementary School** set out to develop lively practices that could help students and families actualize Rockaway Township's core values of HEART (honesty, empathy, acceptance, respect, trust). Through such staples as Morning Meetings, Responsive Classroom, Great Kindness Challenge, Mindfulness, and its novel Promising Practices--Kindness Ninja and Kind H.E.A.R.T.s, the school has made character development and SEL training the exciting center of school life.

Carl Sandburg Middle School ★

Grades: 6-8

District: Old Bridge Township Public Schools

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Recognized as a National School of Character in 2016, the administration, staff, students and parents of **Carl Sandburg Middle School** continue their commitment to the core values that define the "Sandburg Strong" mission. Sandburg aims to mold students that are academically competent, emotionally intelligent and socially aware. In response to the loss of a student to suicide, trauma-informed practices have become the foundation of many of the school's educational practices. Likewise, in the face of a global health pandemic, the school has stressed the importance of connections, equity, and flexibility in its dynamic approach to learning.

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Caroline Reutter School ☆

Grades: 5-6

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All members of the **Caroline Reutter School** family place a strong emphasis on developing the pre-adolescent mind, character, and emotional well-being. Students are encouraged to focus on a particular school-wide character trait each month during their academic studies and advisory periods. Monthly, students are nominated for character excellence, and quarterly, the school acknowledges students for positive behavior, academics, and attendance through a school-wide “All Star” program. To promote respecting the differences in others, Reutter has a working relationship with the Anti-Defamation League in order to become a “No Place for Hate School.”

Cedar Hill Elementary School ☆

Grades: PreK-5

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“Connect with Respect” is not only the name of **Cedar Hill’s** homegrown character education program, but also it is the school’s way of life. Accenting respect for self, others, property and community, the program, originating in 1998 with a small group of teachers, is now fully integrated into school life with parents, staff and students embracing it. Students learn to respect each other, celebrate differences and answer the call to make a difference by engaging in local and global service opportunities. Recertified this year, the school is proud of the strong relationships that exist between all stakeholders in transforming school culture.

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Charles G. Harker School

Grades: 3-5

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This year to keep everyone connected in both distance and in-school learning, the **Charles G. Harker School** started a live morning news program. Each morning, the principal goes live to bring school news to all families and students. During the news program, all the school's programs are reviewed, guest student anchors are invited to share stories of the monthly Character Counts trait, school spirit days are promoted, and the motto: "Possibilities are endless if you imagine, believe and achieve," is used as the sign-off for the news program.

Cherry Hill East High School ★

Grades: 9-12

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Cherry Hill High School East is a large, diverse educational community that enjoys success in academics, athletics, generosity of spirit and good citizenship. Cherry Hill East's approach to character education as both the community and the world have evolved, the school encourages character in all aspects of life. Cherry Hill East embodies a lifestyle of self-respect, gratitude and excellence and recognizes the benefits of a school where all students feel known, safe and valued. We have made a commitment to diversity, our core values, and student voice and choice. Students have been directly involved in our journey becoming our guiding lights.

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Copeland Middle School ★

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Copeland Middle School's character education program reaches students in a comprehensive manner influencing daily thoughts, feelings, & actions in a positive way. Restorative Practices are the ideal way for teaching and practicing H.E.A.R.T. values. The fundamental principle of Restorative is doing things with people not for them or to them. The restorative culture blossomed at CMS during 2019-2020, through research, conversations, and family involvement. CMS made mental health the number one priority for both staff and students. Copeland's character journey was transformative for its students, staff, and community.

Donald Stewart School No. 51 ★

Grades: PreK
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Donald Stewart School No.51 believes in the fundamental idea that character development in the early childhood classroom lays the foundation for life-long learning. "Friends Care, Friends Share" is a pillar that encompasses the core values necessary for developing responsible citizenship. Donald Stewart School is committed to establishing the foundation of character development with its preschoolers. Initiatives such as "Kids Dig In," "Eco-School," and "Pennies for Patients" allow for the opportunity to develop character and compassion which extend beyond the school walls. Its character journey has impacted students' compassion for self, others and the environment.

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Dr. William Mennies Elementary School

Grades: K-5

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At **Dr. William Mennies Elementary School**, the “Mennies Marvelous Friends” are made up of diverse backgrounds and cultures. The students would not achieve academically unless they first master the people, communication, and social skills that encompass character education. Mennies celebrates the students’ unique qualities by focusing on three core values introduced as the Mennies Pledge: “Today I have the Power to Choose. I have the power to choose to be respectful, I have the power to choose to be responsible, I have the power to choose to be caring, at school, at home and in the world.”

Hillside Elementary School ★

Grades: K-5

District: Livingston Public Schools

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At **Hillside Elementary School**, the Character Education Committee encourages the Peer Mediation Program. The implementation of a Quiet, Peaceful Place in all classrooms encourages students to use mindfulness techniques, and calming, conflict resolution strategies. Service learning has become a school norm, where all grade levels are expected to participate in meaningful and curriculum-relevant projects. Hillside's Character Education Committee has developed school initiatives and projects including creating lessons for our cross-grade, small group “Caring Communities” program. Community outreach is a major focus of our character efforts.

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Joyce Kilmer Elementary School-Cherry Hill ★

Grades: K-5

District: Cherry Hill Public Schools

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Joyce Kilmer Elementary School in Cherry Hill focuses on developing the Leader in Me by highlighting Seven Healthy Habits and Bucket Fillers within a PBIS framework. Grade-level PAWSitive meetings, wellness surveys, and class meetings include lessons on student voice. Daily interactions enable students to develop maturely into global thinkers. Students at JKE are growing to be “good citizens” by participating in service projects and practicing habits that include behavioral/ academic growth mindsets.

Joyce Kilmer School-Milltown

Grades: 4-8

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From the start to the finish of every day at **Joyce Kilmer School** in Milltown, one of the major focuses is the development of students’ social-emotional skills and character development. The school believes in teaching students what it means to have character, how to have respect for yourself, others, and your environment, and the importance of being intrinsically motivated. All students are held to the same core value: CARES. Students work in cross-age groups to support the five values in action – cooperation, assertion, responsibility, empathy, and self-control in all that you do.

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Katharine D. Malone Elementary School ★

Grades: K-5

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Katharine Malone Elementary provides opportunities for students to practice the core values, so they become habitual patterns of behavior. Students are provided an opportunity to review I-messages, role plays, and other activities related to “HEART.” Classroom teachers infuse these core values into everyday curriculum. Students participate in cross-grade buddy activities and have built-in time for class meetings every day, to discuss real-life problems and to develop a sense of safety and autonomy at school.

Leroy Gordon Cooper Elementary School ★

Grades: K-5

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Leroy Gordon Cooper School takes pride in its strong sense of community. In order to design a welcoming atmosphere for all who enter their doors, the school has continued the Cooper Family Album which displays staff, students, activities, PTA events detailing their character education journey, a display for all monthly birthdays, and a completed community mural of recycled bottle caps which included the winning design by a student. To acknowledge the diversity of Cooper, a bulletin board highlights the word “Hello” in 25 different languages.

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Roebling Elementary School

Grades: PreK-3

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Roebling Elementary School is committed to providing students a nurturing environment supporting academic, social and emotional growth. They believe the optimal learning environment is one defined by their core values. Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe, Be Positive, & Be Kind are embedded into daily practices, through the use of video lessons, staff PD, and class lessons. These core values are intentionally infused into the academic curriculum, daily interactions, and development activities.

Spotswood Memorial Middle School ★

Grades: 6-8

District: Spotswood Public Schools

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Spotswood Memorial Middle School students, parents, community members, and staff work cohesively to create a welcoming, educational experience for all learners. The staff utilizes many strategies to instill their core values: charitable, optimistic, leadership, trustworthy, and successful. A balance of both moral and performance values was chosen by the stakeholders. All students can learn here. A positive school climate and high expectations are essential to student achievement. The school has added more leadership opportunities, increased involvement, and built a caring and collaborative learning environment for students and staff.

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Virgil I. Grissom Elementary School ★

Grades: K-5

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After previously achieving National School of Character status, **Virgil Grissom Elementary School** did not rest on its laurels. The Character Education Team looked at new activities and programs and analyzed how they were developed, who developed them, and the genuine character growth cultivated through the activity. Many of the character activities and programs became far less teacher-driven and have become student-developed and student-led. The culture and climate of excellence and determination is unmistakable at Grissom School.

Woodmont Elementary School ★

Grades: K-5

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Families at **Woodmont Elementary School** call themselves “the Woodmont family.” This phrase has permeated the climate and culture at Woodmont. Woodmont brings staff, parents, and community members together to review and revise foundational elements, school mission, vision, and the Code of Conduct. All members of the school community follow Woodmont’s “Paws Promises.” The school “brand” is to work hard, play hard, and, most importantly to care about each other. The focus on caring is the most important thing at Woodmont.

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These schools will be formally honored by Character.org at
the Annual Forum which will be held virtually in October.***



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