

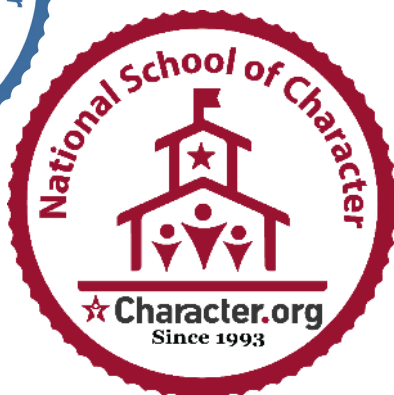


**New Jersey Alliance for  
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# 2025 Schools of Character Recognition Booklet

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The New Jersey Alliance for Social Emotional and Character Development is a not-for-profit 501c3 organization, composed of volunteers who work throughout New Jersey to support the work that schools do to improve school culture and climate by focusing on character education and social-emotional learning.

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## State and National Schools of Character

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 Framework: Cultivating a Culture of Character*. Originally, this program was competitive with only ten schools being chosen each year as National Schools of Character. Now, the program recognizes all schools that meet the criteria set down in the *Eleven Principles*. 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 Schools of Character program recognizes schools and districts that excel in exemplifying *The Eleven Principles Framework: Cultivating a Culture of Character* 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.

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## 2025 School of Character Honorees



### 2025 State Schools of Character

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Camden County Technical Schools - Gloucester	Sicklerville, NJ
Camden County Technical Schools-Pennsauken	Pennsauken, NJ
Central Elementary School	East Hanover, NJ
Eastern Christian School Association	North Haledon, NJ
Frank J. Smith School	East Hanover, NJ
J. Harvey Rodgers School	Glassboro, NJ
Juan Pablo Duarte - Jose Julian Marti, School # 28	Elizabeth, NJ
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Marcus W. Newcomb Middle School	Pemberton, NJ
Mary E. Volz School	Runnemede, NJ
Memorial Elementary School	Laurence Harbor, NJ
Old Bridge High School	Old Bridge, NJ
Old Bridge Township Public Schools	Old Bridge, NJ
Pemberton Township High School	Pemberton, NJ
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Sayen Elementary School	Hamilton, NJ
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Victor Mravlag School No. 21	Elizabeth, NJ
Walter M. Schirra Elementary School	Old Bridge, NJ
William A. Miller Elementary School	Old Bridge, NJ
William F. Halloran School 22	Elizabeth, NJ

### Honorable Mention Schools

Kindergarten Success Academy	Roselle, NJ
Lawrence Township Public Schools	Lawrenceville, NJ
Mahwah Township Public Schools	Mahwah, NJ
Triangle Elementary School	Hillsborough, NJ
Jonas Salk Middle School	Old Bridge, NJ

### Emerging Schools

Academy Street Elementary School	Dover, NJ
Bragg Elementary School	Chester, NJ
Crescent Elementary School	Waldwick, NJ
Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson STEM Academy	Elizabeth, NJ
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Wilson Elementary School	Hamilton, NJ



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### Apshawa Elementary School

Grades K-5

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**Apshawa Elementary School**, proud to be part of character-centered West Milford Township Public Schools, is known for its dynamic approach to implementing initiatives. Not content to rest on its laurels as a 2018 National School of Character, Apshawa has revitalized its Project Adventure's Full Value commitment, introduced a new ELA program, Wonders, that integrates character education with social-emotional learning and added Second Step lessons and strategies to engage all learners. The staff and the PTA have forged a warm, collaborative relationship to build and rekindle the home-school connection and community involvement.

### Camden County Technical School - Gloucester Campus

Grades 9-12

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The character journey of **Camden County Technical Schools– Gloucester Township Campus** has been a transformative experience which empowers both students and staff. Both voices are heard as they work together at the Annual School Planning Committee and Strategic Planning Meetings. This recertified high school also prepares its students for a higher mission in life; by the time students graduate, they not only possess career knowledge, technical skills, and workplace readiness, but also they are guided by a strong moral compass and the determination to effect positive change in their communities.



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### Camden County Technical Schools - Pennsauken Campus

Grades 9-12

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**Camden County Technical Schools—Pennsauken Campus** strongly believes in molding students who observe character in all aspects of life.. To achieve this goal, Penn Tech, as it is commonly known, has implemented many replicable practices: club advisers and coaches design plans and contracts to help students practice the values beyond the school walls; after-school tutors and chaperones, join them in encouraging good character through guided conversations. activities and discipline procedures; most clubs include community service as part of their practice.in keeping with the school's vision of developing leaders who will create a better world.

### Central Elementary School

Grades 2-5

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**Central Elementary School** in East Hanover has invigorated its character education program since it was last certified with a focused, lively approach to its new values—Bravery, Empathy, Leadership, Optimism, Integrity, and Grit. With student involvement as the heart of its initiative, its community-based service-learning program has received kudos. Not only do students engage in regular visits to a nearby senior center, where they interact with residents, but they also partner with the Seeing Eye Dogs of Morristown to experience ways of supporting and learning about these service animals and their essential role in assisting people with visual impairments.



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### Eastern Christian School Association

Grades k-12

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**Eastern Christian School Association**, a National District of Character (2015, 2020), has a reputation locally, regionally, nationally and internationally for molding young people of character who meet the highest standards in academics and community outreach. Students in this PreK-12 faith-based institution work with local and global non-profits such as Touch The World, New Hope Community Ministries, Lighthouse Pregnancy Center, and Star of Hope; all middle schoolers participate in Hands Dirty Day to help the local communities; high school students have the opportunity to take part in service-orientated mission trips and work-study programs.

### Frank J. Smith School

Grades: PreK-1

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**Frank J. Smith School**, a PreK-1 school in East Hanover, makes certain that its little ones receive sound basic training in its core values through an innovative approach, captured in the acronym F.R.O.G.S.: Friendship, Respect, Optimism, Grit and Success.. According to the data, classroom activities and team-building exercises focusing on these core values have led to stronger peer relationships, improved academic performance and increased willingness to share ideas. Another feature contributing to Smith's success: the principal and staff intentionally model the positive behavior they want to see in the children, who enthusiastically strive to imitate them.





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### J. Harvey Rodgers School

Grades PreK-K

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**J. Harvey Rodgers School**, an energetic PreK-K school, has become a leader in Glassboro's character initiative, collaborating with the district's other three schools to form a district-wide Character Council. The school utilizes many resources to motivate students and staff to observe its P.R.I.D.E. core values: Perseverance, Respect, Integrity, Dependability and Empathy. Working with the CITRS Partnership, it has created a respectful and caring school environment, and Montclair State University has provided Pyramid Model Training for staff. The school's Bulldog Pride Program has had a positive impact on discipline and the practice of good character.

### Juan Pablo Duarte - Jose Julian Marti, School #28

Grades PreK-8

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#### **Juan Pablo Duarte - Jose Julian Marti, School #28**, the first Elizabeth school to be named a

National School of Character in 2015, has become a beacon to the district's schools, mentoring 12 other schools on their journey to become NJ Schools of Character. Despite its many laurels, School 28 refuses to stop growing. To create a greater sense of belonging and encourage leadership and collaboration, it has implemented a House System and refined programs such as the Student Council, Student Ambassadors, NJHS and ELA Honor Society. Its extraordinarily dedicated staff has created a safe haven for close to 900 students, helping them overcome poverty and language barriers to become successful students and amazing people of character.



## 2024 New Jersey Schools of Character Program Summaries

### Macopin Middle School

Grades 6-8

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A returning National School of Character (2015 and 2020), **Macopin Middle School** in West Milford has also garnered seven Promising Practices—proof of its commitment to building strong, independent students who also are good citizens. Creativity abounds here! Among the school's popular practices are a small group advisory, the Make-a-Change Club, a fun-filled Veterans Day Celebration, a simulated Philadelphia Founders Convention, and team-building exercises to reduce anxiety. It's easy to see why Macopin's students readily proclaim, "Our teachers make school fun here."

### Marcus W. Newcomb Middle School

Grade 6

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**Marcus W. Newcomb Middle School** in Pemberton, having only ONE year to influence the lives of its sixth-grade students, uses that time wisely to create a welcoming culture where students want to come to school, feel safe and experience a sense of belonging. In an inclusive approach, the principal seeks the views of staff, students and parents and shares data with each sector. Time is set aside for teachers to discuss the results of current climate surveys, parents enjoy "Coffee and Conversation" with the principal, and students delight in a similar "Cocoa and Conversation." A close relationship with Pemberton Police has added collaborative activities.





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### Mary E. Volz School

Grades PreK-8

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**Mary E. Volz** in Runnemede began its character education journey during the 2013-2014 school year and has never wavered from its initial vision and commitment. Through the collaboration of all stakeholders, the chosen core values (Respect, Effort, Attitude, Caring and Honesty), captured in the acronym R.E.A.C.H., have guided the school through the pandemic and have resulted in significant gains in student achievement, deportment and practice of character. With teamwork, conflict management and SEL as the targeted areas of Volz's improvement plan, the school's campaign to "Join Hands against Bullying" has experienced similar success.

### Memorial Elementary School

Grades K-5

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**Memorial Elementary School**, a returning National School of Character (2020) and part of the award-winning Old Bridge Township Schools, always keeps an eye on improvement. With its increased focus on student leadership, engagement and collaboration, strategies such as Kelso's Choice lessons, Restorative Circles and Character Buddies have resulted in great strides. At the core of Memorial's character initiative are its helpful families. Not only does the PTA sponsor character-themed assemblies such as The Ned Show and Grand Falloons, but also parents contribute to the success of the Third-Grade Heritage Day and the Fourth-Grade Wax Museum.



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### Old Bridge High School

Grades 9-12

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**Old Bridge High School**, although a National School of Character (2015, 2020), went back to the drawing board to scrutinize its core values, deciding, after much collaboration, on Responsibility, Inclusivity, Generosity, Helpfulness and Trustworthiness—the qualities encapsulated in the school's motto, “Do the R.I.G.H.T. Thing.” After revitalizing its approach to its students, the school made great inroads in drawing parents into the fold through its Family Academy Nights. Sessions on hot topics ranging from Safe Driving to the College Fair provide parents with tools and strategies to reinforce both academics and character-building.

### Old Bridge Township Public Schools

Grades PreK- 12

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**Old Bridge Township Public Schools**, already honored twice as a National District of Character, manages to maintain the vitality and relevance of its character building by rigorous retraining of staff in the revised 11 Principles, establishing a unified framework for all its schools to guarantee consistency and collaboration, encouraging relation-building among students, staff and parents, and providing its schools (all of which have been certified as National Schools of Character) with the necessary resources. Each year, the Superintendent's Opening Convocation, with over 1,000 enthusiastic staff in attendance, launches a district-wide theme that is also observed by the businesses in town, making it a true community-wide celebration of character.



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Grades 9-12

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**Pemberton Township High School** has used the last four years as a National School of Character to strengthen its initiatives in novel ways. Collecting data on student behavior outside the classroom helped reinforce the practice of character everywhere; professional development enabling teachers to share ideas on incorporating character in subject lessons increased teacher buy-in; focus groups on service-learning projects assisted staff in determining “what works.” Student engagement, very evident in events such as the Friday Show, E.P.I.G. Challenge Week, Perseverance Challenge, and Green and White Night, is still the fuel that propels the program.

### Roxbury Public Schools

Grades PreK-12

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Character-building in **Roxbury Public Schools** centers on its “Portrait of a Graduate,” a collaborative vision of the ideal Roxbury graduate based on the input of administration, staff, parents, and students. The Portrait embodies six core values (Emotional Intelligence, Curious Thinking, Leadership, Citizenship, Life Ready, Adaptability/ Resilience). Each school, choosing values consonant with the Portrait and set benchmarks, tailors its own approach. Support for character runs high in Roxbury—six of its seven schools are certified as NJ State Schools of Character, and community spirit enlivens the district’s SEL Night and Gael Cup Challenges.



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### Sayen Elementary School

Grades K-5

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The mission of **Sayen Elementary School** in Hamilton calls for a “collective commitment to develop respectful, kind, and honest problem solvers.” To achieve this goal, the school has prioritized relationship-building. A book study of *Teaching with Empathy* as well as the resources of Character Strong, Pillars of Character and Wayfinder have helped its staff to connect with the school’s diversified population. The theme, “We are like a box of crayons, each one of us unique, but when we are together, our school is complete,” exemplifies acceptance as a strong element in Sayen’s school culture, resulting in a significant drop in bullying and pupil conflicts.

### Southwood Elementary School

Grades PreK-5

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Over the past five years, **Southwood Elementary School**, a twice-certified National School of Character in Old Bridge, has made significant strides in enhancing its character initiatives by focusing on peer leadership, service learning and reflective practices. This more meaningful approach emphasizing the “why” behind actions has energized students and staff. Practices such as the Character in Action( CIA) club, Unicorn Box Program, Veterans Day Reflective Letters, Sensory Day, the Inclusion Walk, and Play Unify have positively affected student compassion, social/emotional development, and acceptance of others as well as enhancing school culture.



## 2025 New Jersey Schools of Character Program Summaries

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Grades PreK-8

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**Victor Mravlag School No. 21** in Elizabeth, aware that students had to learn how to adjust to school after the losses of the pandemic, used its core values—Self-discipline, Honesty, Respect, Empathy, and Kindness (S.H.R.E.K.), fortified by Panorama Playbook lessons, to help them interact with one another. Improved student achievement and suspension data showed that the school's efforts were successful, prompting it to explore other avenues such as “Bullies to Buddies,” an anti-bullying-themed presentation, and the L.E.A.D program offered by the local police department to address mental health issues, substance abuse, and suicide.

### Walter M. Schirra Elementary School

Grades K-5

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#### Walter M. Schirra Elementary School in

Old Bridge is quick to transform suggestion into success. When Character.org recertified Schirra in 2020, it advised it to find new ways to include all school members. From this suggestion, Schirra developed many vibrant and inclusive initiatives—Heritage Day Fair, Journey with Me, Sensory Garden, and Play Unified Activities. Always eager to share innovative ideas with the online community, the school's outreach efforts have expanded through social media: their tweets, which showcase character initiatives, student achievements, and community events have received views ranging from 500 to over 3,500 times.





## 2025 New Jersey Schools of Character Program Summaries

### William A. Miller Elementary School

Grades K-5

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**William A. Miller Elementary School** in Old Bridge is always on the move in search of new components to enrich its character-building. Second Step lessons and colorful emotion charts have added zest to the classroom experience while seasonal projects such as building and bringing holiday gift baskets to seniors at a local long-term care facility have enhanced service learning. Students at this recertified National School of Character take the lead on fundraising for organizations like the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society, American Heart Association, and OB Food Bank by creating promotional materials and encouraging peer participation.

### William F. Halloran School 22

Grades PreK-8

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**William F. Halloran School #22** in Elizabeth has addressed issues of student belonging and leadership in its continuous quest for improvement. Students now meet in small groups to peer mediate and settle conflicts. In the classroom, Panorama surveys guide staff in teaching what is needed, and Character Strong lessons provide new perspectives. Clearly, compassion for others has replaced indifference. The Husky Ambassadors take the lead in making sandwiches for the local Homeless Shelter, and in the school's new "Hope Closet," students collect new and gently used uniforms, toiletries, bookbags and non-perishable foods to share with the neediest families.





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