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When we embarked on our journey to investigate Character Education, we discovered that there was a wealth of resources to support our need to learn more about the topic. We decided to put together this compendium of resources for the benefit of our teachers and Symposium participants. It is by no means exhaustive.

Please note that we are not endorsing these resources in any way primarily because we have not had the opportunity to conduct a critical review or evaluation of all of the websites or books on the list.

Through our research, we have also discovered a variety of perspectives on the issue, be they secular or religious. Some would not be applicable within a public education milieu. Nevertheless, the perspectives do converge on the notion that there are many universally desired attributes which cut across socio-economic, gender, racial, religious and other lines.

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Websites

www.charactercounts.org  www.josephsoninstitute.org  www.kidcite.net
www.teachvalues.org/ccce  www.character.org  www.agcunited.com
www.youthdevelopment.org  info.csd.org/staffdev/char/ed/characterplus.html

Reading for Those Wishing to Study or Implement Character Education

*** Selections you could begin your study with.

Books for School Leaders


Books for Classroom Teachers


Innerchoice Publishing (1999). 50 Activities for Teaching Emotional Intelligence. Torrance, CA. There are three books available: one for grades 1-5, one for grades 6-8 and one for grades 9-12.


Vincent, Philip Fitch. (1994) *Developing Character in Students–A Primer for Teachers, Parents and Communities.* Chapel Hill, NC: New View Publications

Books for Parents and Community Members


**Books for Students**


Covey, Sean. (1998) *Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teenagers.* Distian

Covey, Sean (1999) *Daily Reflections for Highly Effective Teenagers.* Fireside.


**Videos and other Resources**

Acunitedlearning.com. Video sets on the following: *Getting in Character Series* (Integrity, Kindness, Respect and Responsibility), *Do the Right Thing Series* (Big Shot [Leadership], Good Better Best! [Work Ethic], Making Wrongs Right [Accountability], and Without Mirrors [Self-Acceptance]), *Conflict Resolution Series* (Abuse in Relationships, Anger alternatives, Bullies, Criticism, Parenting Adolescents [for parents], Peer Pressure and Teachers Effective Communication [for teachers])

Aranha, Mary C. ( ) *Leadership: The Character Education Imperative.*


Giraffe.com *Giraffe K-12 Heroes Program.* This resource is a story-based program that uses books, videos and a whole-school approach.


In Search of Character: A Character Education Video Series for Grades 6-12. (10 video set on 10 different virtues). Produced by Elkind+Sweet in association with Character Counts!

Kagan, Dr. Spencer. (1999) *Building Character Through Cooperative Learning.* (There is a companion book, Cooperative Learning, also available)


Lickona, Dr. Thomas and Lewis, Catherine. (1997) *Eleven Principals of Effective Character Education.* Video.

Lisy-Macan, Lynn and Harris, Pat. (1998) *Character Education: Application in the Classroom.* There is an elementary school version and a secondary school version.

Right Choices. Tampa, FL: Worldview Publishing


A More Extensive List of Books


Character Education Resources. 11 books which have lessons, activities and strategies from grades K to 12. Argus Publishing.


Huffman, Henry. (1993) *Character Education Without Turmoil.* *Educational Leadership* 51, No. 3

Integrity! Encinitas, CA: KidCite/Teel Institute (An entire curriculum. Staff development is also provided.)


Mitchell, Michael and Wotring, William E. (1996) *Speaking of Character: Great Quotations That Teach and Inspire.* Myrtle Beach, SC. OPS International

No Putdowns Program Guides. Includes a program guide for each grade level (K-6), a program guide for support staff and a student motivational Rap video (28 minutes).


