

# EdisonLearning Eight Core Values

## Embracing our core

EdisonLearning is committed to educating the whole child. Focusing attention on each student's social and personal development is an instrumental part of their academic development.

At the heart of EdisonLearning is our set of Eight Core Values:

**Wisdom** A wise person makes good choices; waits for negative emotions, like anger, fear, or resentment, to pass before taking action; and considers the concerns of others, as well as his or her own.

**Justice** A just person treats others as he or she would like to be treated; shows self-discipline in the face of his or her desires; and is concerned with the well being of others.

**Courage** A courageous person is not reckless but willing to take necessary risks when fear, embarrassment, or the opinion of others might otherwise discourage him or her from doing what is right and proper.

**Compassion** A compassionate person helps those who need help, not just those he or she likes; is forgiving of others who have, through weakness or meanness, behaved badly; and shows care and concern for all.

**Hope** A hopeful person believes in him or herself; knows that hard work and good intentions can make a difference; and looks to the future with positive expectations and a plan for realizing those expectations.

**Respect** A respectful person is kind to others, and polite and gracious in social situations; demonstrates not just tolerance for others but true regard for people of all faiths, cultures and backgrounds; and honors the achievements and qualities of others.

**Responsibility** A responsible person keeps his or her word; takes care of work, projects, or duties assigned to or voluntarily accepted by him or her; and accepts his or her failures or mistakes without excuses or finger pointing and with a willingness to correct his or her behavior.

**Integrity** A person of integrity behaves with consistency and reliability; lives up to his or her principles; takes pride in doing right without being boastful or self-promotional; and is true to himself or herself in matters of conscience.

*By actively promoting and embracing the Core Values, we provide a clear reference point that encourages the formation of a positive learning environment. This is true for all members of the EdisonLearning community, including teachers, administrators, students, and parents.*

## A common focus for character development

The Core Values are the foundation for a character education program that is infused throughout the school's curriculum and culture, for example:

- All aspects of school management – including the school's code of conduct, the student support model, and incentive programs – are guided by the Core Values.
- Daily classroom meetings require respectful behavior from all students.
- Rigorous instructional requirements such as a minimum 90 minutes of reading instill wisdom each and every day.
- Aspirational programs such as *EdisonLearning* College NEXT! nurture hope, and inspire the courage to succeed.

- The partnerships that are built from Student Learning Contracts, the Parent Advisory Committee, and the neighborhood Board of Friends solidify a culture of justice, compassion, and integrity among all members of the school community.

The Core Values are firmly embedded in *EdisonLearning™* School Designs, and they come alive in the classroom. Students learn ethical behavior through experience. Faculty and staff are expected to model the Eight Core Values themselves. The learning environment explicitly promotes the Core Values with posters, postcards to parents, and celebrations. Moreover, the Core Values become part of the curriculum itself, through character studies in literature, classroom discussion in history or current events, and in homework and group projects.

Regardless of grade level or academic area, the Eight Core Values provide a common focus on behaviors that build exceptional character in EdisonLearning students and educators.

### Find out more

For more information about EdisonLearning and our mission to inspire students to think, learn, and succeed, please e-mail us at [information@edisonlearning.com](mailto:information@edisonlearning.com), call us at 1-877-I-CAN-LEARN (1-877-422-6532), or visit [www.edisonlearning.com](http://www.edisonlearning.com). Working together we can help every student achieve!

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