



Character Counts! Kent County CODE OF CONDUCT

As a member of the Kent County Public Schools community, I am signing this contract as a pledge to uphold the six pillars of Character Counts! (***Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship***). The definitions of these pillars include, but are not limited to, the following:

Trustworthiness: *Be honest and sincere. Don't deceive, cheat or steal. Be reliable; do what you say you will do. Have the courage to do the right thing. Stand up for your beliefs and follow your conscience. Build a good reputation. Be loyal; stand by your family, friends and country.*

Respect: *Treat others with respect; follow the Golden Rule. Be tolerant of differences. Use good manners; do not use putdowns and insults. Be considerate of the feelings of others. Listen to others; try to understand their points of view. Don't threaten, hit or hurt anyone. Deal peacefully with anger, insults and disagreements.*

Responsibility: *Do what you are supposed to do, what you say you'll do. Persevere ... keep on trying! Always do your best; be proud of your work. Be prepared and work hard. Use self-control; be self-disciplined. Think before you act—consider the consequences. Be accountable for your choices and actions.*

Fairness: *Play by the rules. Take turns and share. Be open-minded; listen to others. Make decisions without favoritism or prejudice. Don't take advantage of others. Don't blame others carelessly.*

Caring: *Be kind. Be compassionate and show you care. Be thankful and express gratitude. Forgive others. Help people in need.*

Citizenship: *Do your share to make your school and community better places. Cooperate with others. Stay informed and involved. Be a good neighbor. Obey laws and rules. Respect authority. Protect the environment.*

As a participant in this program, I HAVE ACCEPTED to make a commitment to the qualities of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. I will demonstrate my commitment to the Character Counts! pillars with my words and actions in class, in school, at home, and in the community.

I, _____, Grade _____, understand that by signing this contract on the _____ day of October 2008, I am promising to incorporate into my life the Six Pillars of Character Counts! in order to make my School and the community a better place for myself, my classmates, my family, the faculty, and the staff.

_____ Participant	_____ Character Counts! Coach
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