

## MACS Character Traits

Adopted for Character Education (TEA: TEKS chapter 120 subchapter A)

Aug	School Pride	Be a volunteer; serve your school and community, and encourage others to do likewise. Connect with our school and be proud to represent our school and the values it stands for.
Sept	Citizenship	Know and live by the principles upon which the United States of America was founded. Obey the law. Learn the history of your state and nation. Honor democracy. Vote. Stay informed about your country and its role in the world.
Oct	Courage	Take a stand. Hold to your convictions. Be willing to sacrifice self-interest for the greater good. Risk failure. Risk disfavor from others. Overcome fear and adversity.
Nov	Gratitude	Gratitude is pausing to notice and appreciate the things that we often take for granted, like having a place to live, food, clean water, friends, family, even computer access. It is taking a moment to reflect on how fortunate we are when something good happens.
Dec	Respect & Courtesy	Show and act in a way that others know that you care about their feelings and well-being. Be caring enough about yourself that you do not do things that you know can hurt yourself and others. Say thank you, please, sorry, and excuse me. Use good manners.
Jan	Fairness	Treat others as you would like to be treated. Listen and try to understand what others believe and feel. Be impartial. Give due credit to others. Be tolerant of diversity. Play by the rules; share with others. Strive for justice.
Feb	Caring	Show that you care about self, others, and the environment through kindness, concern, and generosity. Demonstrate empathy for the feelings of others. Give of yourself and what you have for the benefit of others.
Mar	Responsibility	Demonstrate reliability, dependability, and accountability. Think before you act; consider and accept the consequences of your actions. Set a good example. Exercise self-control. Be disciplined. Fulfill all your obligations.
Apr	Trustworthiness	Keep promises. Be honest and reliable. Do the right thing even if it is not an easy choice. Be loyal to friends and family. Be a good friend.
May	Integrity	Do what is right even when nobody's looking. Know what you stand for. Walk your talk. Return items found without expectations of a reward. Admit when you are wrong.