

## AISD Character Education TOUCHSTONE Definitions

2009-10	Character Skill	Definition	AISD Standard
August/ September	<b>RESPECT</b>	... is valuing yourself/being proud of who you are, valuing others, valuing the world around you.	Always be courteous with others and be tolerant of personal differences
October/ November	<b>COURAGE</b>	... is identifying the things that frighten or challenge us and facing them with confidence and bravery.	Take a stand on what you think is right, even though it might be hard or unpopular.
December/ January	<b>CARING</b>	... is showing concern for the feelings of others and doing what we can to make others feel better.	Be helpful, selfless and giving.
February/ March	<b>HONESTY</b>	... is knowing and telling the truth	Always tell the truth, no matter what the consequences might be.
April/May	<b>PERSEVERANCE</b>	... is sticking to the task which needs to be done – even if we want to quit.	Put forth maximum effort to always do the best you can
2010-11	Character Skill	Definition	AISD Standard
August/ September	<b>RESPONSIBILITY</b>	... is following tasks to completion and being dependable for doing what you say you will do.	Follow through with your commitments.
October/November	<b>INTEGRITY</b>	... is knowing and doing what is right.	Be true to yourself and others.
December/ January	<b>FAIRNESS</b>	... is making and following an impartial set of rules and applying them equally to everyone.	Always follow the rules and think about how your actions may affect others.
February/March	<b>SELF-DISCIPLINE</b>	... is knowing what you are supposed to do and being accountable and reliable for yourself.	Make good choices about what is right, even though it could be hard or unpopular.
April/May	<b>TRUSTWORTHINESS</b>	... is honoring your commitments and being reliable	Be someone that others can depend upon and know that you will do what is right.

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