

8 Keys of Excellence

The 8 Keys of Excellence character education program guides students toward a positive future full of confidence, motivation, creativity, team work, leadership and valuable life principles.



8 Key of Excellence	Focus Month	Definition	Student Friendly Definition	Students will learn to...
Integrity	October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matching your behaviors with your values. • Demonstrate your personal values in all you do and say. • Be sincere and real. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My actions and values are aligned. • I do the right thing even when no one is watching. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be honest. • Tell the truth. • Be loyal. • Be reliable.
Failure Leads to Success	November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn from mistakes. • View failures as feedback that provides you with the information you need to learn, grow, and succeed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I learn from my mistakes. • I have a growth mindset. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excel without fear of making mistakes because it is important to learn from our mistakes and improve our systems. • See failures as opportunities for growth.
Speak with Good Purpose	December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speak honestly and kindly. • Think before you speak. • Make sure your intention is positive and your words are insincere. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I speak honestly and kindly. • I think before I speak. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speak positively and with good intent. • Develop safe, honest and direct communication skills.
This is it!	January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make the most of every moment. • Focus your attention on the present moment and keep a positive attitude. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I make the most of every moment. • I keep a positive attitude. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make the most of every moment. • Pay attention in class. • Maintain a positive attitude.

Commitment	February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make your dreams happen. • Take positive action. • Follow your vision without wavering. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I do what it takes to be successful. • I make my dreams happen. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do whatever it takes to get the job done. • Keep their word.
Ownership	March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take responsibility for actions. • Be responsible for your thoughts, feelings, words and actions. • “Own” the choices you make and the results that follow. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I take responsibility for my thoughts, words and actions. • I live above the line. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take responsibility for their choices, words and actions.
Flexibility	April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be willing to do things differently. • Recognize what’s not working and be willing to change what you’re doing to achieve your goals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am willing to do things differently. • I am open to new ideas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be prepared for change. • Be willing to do things differently to achieve desired outcomes.
Balance	May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live your best life. • Be mindful of self and others while focusing on what’s meaningful and important in your life. • Inner happiness and fulfillment come when your mind, body and emotions are nurtured by the choices you make. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I live my best life. • I make time for things that matter to me. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be happy, healthy, and productive when their minds, body and emotions are in alignment.

8 Keys of Excellence Family Program:

The 8 Keys of Excellence Family program deepens family relationships, opens lines of communication, and provides young people with eight proven life principles. Families can register for the 8 Keys of Excellence Family Program [here](#). This will provide weekly focus keys, lessons, and activities to reinforce the 8 Keys at home.