

## *Character Education Resource Guide*

From EL Education comes a proven approach to student assessment *Leaders of Their Own Learning* offers a new way of thinking about assessment based on the celebrated work of EL Education schools across the country. Student-Engaged Assessment is not a single practice but an approach to teaching and learning that equips and compels students to understand goals for their learning and growth, track their progress toward those goals, and take responsibility for reaching them. This requires a set of interrelated strategies and structures and a whole-school culture in which students are given the respect and responsibility to be meaningfully engaged in their own learning. Includes everything teachers and school leaders need to implement a successful Student-Engaged Assessment system in their schools Outlines the practices that will engage students in making academic progress, improve achievement, and involve families and communities in the life of the school Describes each of the book's eight key practices, gives advice on how to begin, and explains what teachers and school leaders need to put into practice in their own classrooms Ron Berger is Chief Program Officer for EL Education and a former public school teacher *Leaders of Their Own Learning* shows educators how to ignite the capacity of students to take responsibility for their own learning, meet Common Core and state standards, and reach higher levels of achievement. DVD and other supplementary materials are not included as part of the e-book file, but are available for download after purchase. Argues reading can develop positive values, and evaluates 300 books

What if students in your classroom could excel in academics and character education? What kind of impact would they make on the world? Through stories and activities, learn how Barbara Gruener uses the word SUPERHEROES to define positive character traits. This powerful handbook will change the way you look at character education. "Character" has become a front-and-center topic in contemporary discourse, but this term does not have a fixed meaning. Character may be simply defined by what someone does not do, but a more active and thorough definition is necessary, one that addresses certain vital questions. Is character a singular characteristic of an individual, or is it composed of different aspects? Does character--however we define it--exist in degrees, or is it simply something one happens to have? How can character be developed? Can it be learned? Relatedly, can it be taught, and who might be the most effective teacher? What roles are played by family, schools, the media, religion, and the larger culture? This groundbreaking handbook of character strengths and virtues is the first progress report from a prestigious group of researchers who have undertaken the systematic classification and measurement of widely valued positive traits. They approach good character in terms of separate strengths-authenticity, persistence, kindness, gratitude, hope, humor, and so on--each of which exists in degrees. *Character Strengths and Virtues* classifies twenty-four specific strengths under six broad virtues that consistently emerge across history and culture: wisdom, courage, humanity,

justice, temperance, and transcendence. Each strength is thoroughly examined in its own chapter, with special attention to its meaning, explanation, measurement, causes, correlates, consequences, and development across the life span, as well as to strategies for its deliberate cultivation. This book demands the attention of anyone interested in psychology and what it can teach about the good life.

A Guide for School Administrators

Building Character in Schools

Building Character in Schools Resource Guide

Daily Character Education Activities, Grades 2 - 3

Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread

The " People Power " Education Superbook: Book 14. Grade School Resource Guide (Lots of Fun & Practical Info for Parents, Teachers & Children)

**It was the perfect summer. That is, until Jeremy Ross moved into the house down the street and became neighborhood enemy number one. Luckily Dad had a surefire way to get rid of enemies: Enemy Pie. But part of the secret recipe is spending an entire day playing with the enemy! In this funny yet endearing story, one little boy learns an effective recipes for turning your best enemy into your best friend. Accompanied by charming illustrations, Enemy Pie serves up a sweet lesson in the difficulties and ultimate rewards of making new friends.**

**Building Character in Schools Resource Guide Jossey-Bass**

**In this book, author David Isaacs, an educationalist and parent, offers ideas and suggestions on how parents and teachers can help children's all-round development. The emphasis is on character building, approached from the viewpoint of moral habits. Professor Isaacs takes twenty-four virtues and discusses how the child - at different ages - can be encouraged to be obedient, industrious, sincere, prudent, generous, optimistic, sociable, and so on. There is no book on child development quite like this. This book provides a fresh way of teaching children the importance of values and good character. It is a gold mine for educators and parents looking for material they can use in discussions regarding character traits they want to help young citizens develop. Grades K-5 (adaptable for higher grades)**

**Don't Be That KID! At School Resource Guide**  
**Six Design Principles for School Improvement**  
**In Classrooms, at School, at Home**  
**Character Strengths and Virtues**  
**A Literature-based Program in Character Education, K-6**  
**Don't Be That KID! At Home**

The Orca Echoes are lively, entertaining short chapter books aimed at readers between ages seven and nine. These popular classroom favorites are well suited for social responsibility and character building programs. The Orca Echoes Resource Guide helps teachers open the door for meaningful classroom discussion. Professionally written guides with curriculum connections, writing exercises, discussion questions and activities are provided for each title in the Orca Echoes series. With additional information on teaching ideas, reading levels, literature circles and assessment, the Orca Echoes Resource Guide is a valuable tool for teachers using Orca Echoes in the classroom.

"If you're like us, you probably have questions about friendships. Maybe you're not sure if someone is a real friend or the other kind." So goes the story of Jack, Jen, Chris, Abby, Mateo, and Michelle—six students trying to figure it all out in middle school. *Real Friends vs. the Other Kind*, the second book in the Middle School Confidential series, follows these characters as they work to forge friendships while navigating tough social situations. The book offers insider information on making friends, resolving disputes, and dealing with other common middle school concerns—like gossip, exclusion, and cyberbullying. There's also expert advice on crushes, peer pressure, and being there for friends who need help. Filled with character narratives, quizzes, quotes from real kids, tips, tools, and resources, this book is a timely and engaging survival guide for the middle school years.

Strengthen family and community engagement to promote equity and increase student success! When schools, families, and communities collaborate and share responsibility for students' education, more students succeed in school. Based on 30 years of research and fieldwork, this fourth edition of a bestseller provides tools and guidelines to use to develop more effective and equitable programs of family and community engagement. Written by a team of well-known experts, this foundational text demonstrates a proven approach to implement and sustain inclusive, goal-oriented programs. Readers will find: Many examples and vignettes Rubrics and checklists for implementation of plans CD-ROM complete with slides and notes for workshop presentations

Even elementary school children can build positive character traits like caring, citizenship, cooperation, courage, fairness, honesty, respect, and responsibility. The true stories, inspiring quotations, thought-provoking dilemmas, and activities in this book help kids grow into capable, moral teens and adults. Previously titled *Being Your Best*, this award-

winning book has a fresh new cover and updated resources.  
Transforming Schools Through Student-Engaged Assessment  
A Guide for Parents and Teachers  
Establishing a Character Program in Your School  
What Do You Stand For? For Kids  
Challenging, Engaging, and Empowering Students with Deeper Instruction  
Leaders of Their Own Learning

***An irrepressible new girl dethrones the reigning recess bully by becoming her friend in this infectious playground romp. Mean Jean was Recess Queen and nobody said any different. Nobody swung until Mean Jean swung. Nobody kicked until Mean Jean kicked. Nobody bounced until Mean Jean bounced. If kids ever crossed her, she'd push 'em and smoosh 'em lollapaloosh 'em, hammer 'em, slammer 'em kitz and kajammer 'em. Until a new kid came to school! Parents and teachers will appreciate the story's deft handling of conflict resolution (which happens without adult intervention). "A lively story about the power of kindness and friendship" -- Publishers Weekly "A lighthearted look at a serious topic in schools and on playgrounds everywhere..." -- School Library Journal "Great for reading aloud and joining in." -- Booklist***

***A practical guide to deeper instruction—a framework for challenging, engaging, and empowering students of all ages For schools to meet ambitious new standards and prepare all students for college, careers, and life, research has shown unequivocally that nothing is more important than the quality of daily instruction. Learning That Lasts presents a new vision for classroom instruction that sharpens and deepens the quality of lessons in all subject areas. It is the opposite of a 'teacher-proof' solution. Instead, it is predicated on a model of instruction that honors teachers as creative and expert planners of learning experiences for their students and who wish to continuously grow in their instructional and content knowledge. It is not a theoretical vision. It is a model of instruction refined in some of the nation's most successful public schools—schools that are beating the odds to create remarkable achievement—sited primarily in urban and rural low-income communities. Using case studies and examples of powerful learning at all grade levels and in all disciplines, Learning That Lasts is a guide to creating classrooms that promote deeper understanding, higher order thinking, and student independence. Through text and companion videos, readers will enter inspiring classrooms where students go beyond basics to become innovators, collaborators, and creators. Learning That Lasts embraces a three-dimensional view of student achievement that includes mastery of knowledge and skills, character, and high-quality work. It is a guide for teachers who wish to make learning more meaningful, memorable, and connected to life, and inspire students to do more than they think possible. In their landmark book Building Character in Schools authors Kevin Ryan and Karen Bohlin provided a blueprint for educators who wanted to translate a commitment to character excellence into a school-wide***

**vision and effort. In this companion guide to their best-selling book, the authors have created a hands-on guide for realizing that vision. Building Character in Schools Resource Guide offers school administrators and teachers a practical handbook for developing, assessing, improving, and institutionalizing character education in their schools. It is filled with real-life examples -- both successful and unsuccessful -- of character education efforts; it clearly illustrates the differences among values, virtues, and points of view; and it presents guidelines for designing effective lessons, units, assessment, and classroom activities. By implementing the book's strategic planning tools and actions steps, and using the worksheets, overheads, and discussion prompts, educators will make progress toward instilling in their students the habits and dispositions that lead to responsible adulthood. Book jacket.**

**In their struggle to identify successful solutions for their schools, teachers, administrators, board members, and parents must wade through reams of educational rhetoric and sales hype. This resource is designed to serve a broad audience of practicing teachers, preservice teachers, administrators, resource teachers, college professors, parents, and others who would like to stay abreast of new education programs and innovations. It objectively explains how each program, practice, and philosophy is supported by research and how it really works in schools. It provides straightforward definitions and concisely illustrates the practical applications and supporting research for approximately 125 educational innovations. Entries include feedback from award-winning teachers, giving educators an unbiased view of real-world effectiveness. Some highlights are as follows: (1) the exploration of more than 60 innovative practices, including assertive discipline, computer-assisted instruction, conflict resolution, distance learning, and the Socratic method; (2) an examination of results-oriented programs, including emergent literacy, Jumpstart, and Touch Point Math; (3) detailed discussion of policies regarding immersion and inclusion, standardized testing, and summer school; and (4) comprehensive coverage of movement, concepts, and theories, including brain-based learning, mainstreaming, multicultural education, and school vouchers. (Contains 135 references.) (RT)**

**A Guide to Teaching Your Child Moral Values Through Stories**

**Core Virtues**

**Superheroes of the Character Kind**

**Real Friends vs. the Other Kind**

**All Are Welcome**

**The Invisible Boy**

This flexible resource combines character education with analogies to powerful stories from nature. The heart of each of the book's twenty-five lessons is an engaging story, written to kids, describing a particular animal or plant and its distinctive qualities. Busy classroom teachers will like this book's accessibility and flexibility. Kids can read a story individually or in groups, or follow along as the teacher reads it aloud. Accompanying each story, teachers will find several activities—most of them quick, easy, and requiring few supplies—that further investigate animals or plants and the connections between their qualities and human behaviors. Every lesson examines several main character traits, providing starting points

and sample questions for discussing and exploring analogies between events in nature and human acts of character. Features include a chart cross-referencing lessons to specific character traits and a list of further resources. Digital content contains all of the book's reproducible forms, including a color photo of each plant and animal, plus a complete bonus lesson.

Designed for both pre-service and in-service training and staff development this durable six page, tri-fold, laminated reference guide provides valuable information, teaching strategies, learning activities and instructional resources and should be part of every educator's toolkit. As the most comprehensive reference guide on character education, it includes:-Character Education: Why we need it and what teachers need to know -A review of Character Education programs, and eight ways to teach character -The use of class meetings, projects, service learning and literature to teach character -Strategies to invite, inform and involve parents in Character Education -What the research says about the value of Character Education initiatives -Web, print, DVD/video resources for use in teaching Character Education

This practitioner-focused guide to creating identity-safe classrooms presents four categories of core instructional practices: - child-centered teaching - classroom relationships - caring environments - cultivating diversity The book presents a set of strategies that can be implemented immediately by teachers. It includes a wealth of vignettes taken from identity-safe classrooms as well as reflective exercises that can be completed by individual teachers or teacher teams.

Join the call for a better world with this New York Times bestselling picture book about a school where diversity and inclusion are celebrated. The perfect back-to-school read for every kid, family and classroom! In our classroom safe and sound. Fears are lost and hope is found. Discover a school where all young children have a place, have a space, and are loved and appreciated. Readers will follow a group of children through a day in their school, where everyone is welcomed with open arms. A school where students from all backgrounds learn from and celebrate each other's traditions. A school that shows the world as we will make it to be. "An important book that celebrates diversity and inclusion in a beautiful, age-appropriate way." – Trudy Ludwig, author of *The Invisible Boy*

Books That Build Character

Education with Character

Practices, Programs, Policies, and Philosophies

The Character Education Handbook

Building Character with True Stories from Nature

Never Give Up

The unfortunate reputation of online courses today is one of little or no effort on the professor's part and little or no learning on the student's part. A missing element in online courses is the kind of mutual engagement between student and instructor that provides not only a higher level of learning but also lasting character formation within the student. *Character Formation in Online Education* stems from author Joanne Jung's years of experience teaching online courses with the aim of improving the teaching environment for professors and the learning environment for students. By replicating, customizing, and incorporating the best and most effective practices of what a great professor does in on-campus classes, reimagined for an online delivery system, Jung shows how a higher level of learning and transformation can be achieved through online learning communities. Handy and practical, this user-friendly

book provides guidance, helpful tools, and effective suggestions for growing learning communities in online courses that are marked by character growth in students—the kind of growth that is central to the mission of Christian higher education.

The KID is at it again! Older but not wiser! Each scene of Don't Be That KID! At Home unfolds as our KID misbehaves at dinner, with friends, in the supermarket and even with the babysitter! Does he learn his lesson? You have to read the book to find out! Each scene of Don't Be That KID! At Home provides an opportunity to discuss character building values such as honesty, kindness, consideration, responsibility, respect, good sportsmanship, making good choices, completing tasks, being positive and self-reflection. The Don't Be That KID! Books and Resource Guide assist parents and teachers to stress life lessons. They reinforce proper behavior and character education principles.

Guide students from young learners to more effective citizens with Daily Character Education Activities for students in grades 2 to 3. Each character trait chapter contains daily lessons, literature selections, skits and role plays, discussion questions, and reproducible activities.

Introduces the concept of character education, describing what it is, how it can be implemented, and how current users can improve on their current practices.

Educating for Character

Enemy Pie (Reading Rainbow Book, Children S Book about Kindness, Kids Books about Learning)

A Handbook and Classification

Character Matters

Character Formation in Online Education

What's Under Your Cape?

In PRIMED for Character Education, renowned character educator Marvin W Berkowitz boils down decades of research on evidence-based practices and thought-provoking field experience into a clear set of principles that leaders, administrators, and teacher-leaders can implement to help students thrive. The author's original six-component framework offers a comprehensive guide to shaping purposeful learning environments, healthy relationships, core values and virtues, role models, empowerment, and long-term development in any PreK-12 school or district. This engaging and heartfelt book features tips for practice, anecdotes from award-winning schools, and straightforward tenets from moral education, social-emotional learning, and positive psychology.

Contemporary schools require far more than just "the three R's". Beyond the books and tests, educational facilities are expected to produce members of society with integrity, as well. Character education is an abstract idea that many educators, both teachers and administrators, have a difficult time implementing, and too often it gets left out of the

curriculum. How do school personnel, then, instill values of good character in students, and as an administrator, how do you spread these values to the entire school? DeRoche and Williams provide school leaders with an effective road map, touring schools that have achieved success. The authors divide the reader's journey through reform efforts into several "tour stops," beginning with a review of the character education framework, passing through subjects such as school climate, core values, training personnel, forming relationships, and concluding with guidelines for evaluation. Each "stop" contains a list of helpful articles or books, as well as valuable Internet resources. The conclusion of the journey is ultimately the responsibility of school leaders, but this book will give you a head start.

Focuses on and teaches positive peer interaction by using motivational readers to teach children the importance of character-building values, while promoting beginning reading skills and strategies.

A compilation of more than 30 addresses from Booker T. Washington explaining the importance of personal responsibility, self-reflection and economic independence in the Black community. Character Building is an inspiring series of anecdotes that speak to the issues of his contemporary audience. Booker T. Washington was a strong supporter of education and entrepreneurship among African Americans. He believed a degree or certification could provide access and elevate one's social and economic status. In Character Building, he provides his basic tenets of success that are rooted in individual behavior. He encourages productivity and the need for a positive home life. To succeed, each person's environment must be conducive to their goals. Washington's life-long mission was to inspire and uplift the most vulnerable in his community. In Character Building he discusses the many tools that can be used to change a person's station. It's an open declaration of the core beliefs that helped shaped his life. With an eye-catching new cover, and professionally typeset manuscript, this edition of Character Building is both modern and readable.

The Quick Reference Guide to Educational Innovations

School, Family, and Community Partnerships

PRIMED for Character Education

How Our Schools Can Teach Respect and Responsibility

Building Character in School Set , Contains book and resource guide

Learning That Lasts

A gentle story that teaches how small acts of kindness can help children feel included and allow them to flourish, from esteemed author and speaker Trudy Ludwig and acclaimed illustrator Patrice Barton. A simple act of kindness can transform an invisible boy into a friend... Meet Brian, the invisible boy. Nobody in class ever seems to notice him or think to include him in their group, game, or birthday party



. . . until, that is, a new kid comes to class. When Justin, the new boy, arrives, Brian is the first to make him feel welcome. And when Brian and Justin team up to work on a class project together, Brian finds a way to shine. Any parent, teacher, or counselor looking for material that sensitively addresses the needs of quieter children will find *The Invisible Boy* a valuable and important resource. Includes a discussion guide and resources for further reading.

Young people in America today face a crisis of character. Traditional role models continue to disappoint the public, falling short of expectations and fostering cynicism rather than idealism. As a result, many young people struggle to distinguish right from wrong and seem indifferent to whether it matters. It clearly becomes the task of parents and schools to re-engage the hearts and minds of our children in forming their own characters. In *Building Character in Schools*, Kevin Ryan and Karen Bohlin draw from nearly fifty years of combined field experience to offer a practical guide to character education -- designed to help children to know the good, love the good, and do the good. Ryan and Bohlin provide a blueprint for educators who wish to translate a personal commitment to character education into a schoolwide vision and effort. They outline the principles and strategies of effective character education and explain what schools must do to teach students the habits and dispositions that lead to responsible adulthood -- from developing curriculum that reinforces good character development to strengthening links with parents. A useful resource section includes sample lessons, program guidelines, and a parents' list of ways to promote character in their children. *Building Character in Schools* clearly defines the responsibilities of adults and students in modeling and nurturing character and sets forth practical guidelines for schools seeking to become communities of virtue where responsibility, hard work, honesty, and kindness are modeled, taught, expected, celebrated, and continually practiced. Business returns to a once prosperous restaurant when a mysterious stranger pays for his meal with a magical paper crane that comes alive and dances.

Calls for renewed moral education in America's schools, offering dozens of programs schools can adopt to teach students respect, responsibility, hard work, and other values that should not be left to parents to teach.

**The Recess Queen**

**The Paper Crane**

**A Guide for Instructors, Administrators, and Accrediting Agencies**

**Character Building**

**The Tale of Despereaux**

There are more than 14,000 school districts in the United States. Nearly 50 million

students go to approximately 97,000 public elementary and secondary schools. There are approximately 120 000 schools in the United States and 70,000 elementary schools. At least three million teachers are employed in public elementary and secondary schools. The standard grade school curriculum is made up of the following subjects: The Language Arts Reading Writing Listening And Speaking Skills Literature Second language, Spanish, French Mathematics History Geography Physical Science Life Science Earth Science Space Science, Astronomy Art Music Health And Physical Education Industrial Arts for boys Home economics for girls In some high schools, they offer optional courses like computer skills, political science, economics, psychology, calculus, business, typing, etc. Elementary school is basic for reading, writing and arithmetic.

A brave mouse, a covetous rat, a wishful serving girl, and a princess named Pea come together in Kate DiCamillo's Newbery Medal-winning tale. Welcome to the story of Despereaux Tilling, a mouse who is in love with music, stories, and a princess named Pea. It is also the story of a rat called Roscuro, who lives in the darkness and covets a world filled with light. And it is the story of Miggery Sow, a slow-witted serving girl who harbors a simple, impossible wish. These three characters are about to embark on a journey that will lead them down into a horrible dungeon, up into a glittering castle, and, ultimately, into each other's lives. What happens then? As Kate DiCamillo would say: Reader, it is your destiny to find out. With black-and-white illustrations and a refreshed cover by Timothy Basil Ering.

The establishment of citizenship education as a compulsory subject has recently been accompanied by the government's policy of 'promoting education with character.' Schools are identified as having a crucial role to play in helping to shape and reinforce basic character traits that will ultimately lead to a better society. This radical new policy is explicitly linked to raising academic standards and to the needs of the emerging new economy. This book provides an introduction to character education within the British context by exploring its meanings, understandings, and rationale, through the perspective of a number of academic disciplines. The author examines character education from a philosophical, religious, psychological, political, social and economic perspective to

offer a more detailed understanding of character education and what it can offer. He also considers how British schools can implement character education successfully and what lessons we can draw from the American experience. This book will be of interest to academics, researchers, policy makers and teachers with responsibility for citizenship education in their schools.

The Don't Be That KID! At School Resource Guide accompanies the children's book Don't Be That KID! At School. It can be used independently by teachers and parents to help reinforce desired behaviors and character education principles. The Guide was developed to assist in establishing classroom expectations and positive behavior modeling in schools and can be expanded to any setting. Although separated into appropriate activities for grades K & 1, 2 & 3, 4 & 5, the Guide can simply and effectively be adapted for all ages and abilities. The Guide begins with ideas for creating classroom/school/household expectations, and goes on to provide sample activities to assist in learning positive character building values, such as honesty, consideration, responsibility, kindness, respect, including others, problem solving, making good choices, completing tasks, respecting others' space, respecting school property, being positive, learning from elders, and self-reflection. Each child can take the Don't Be That KID! Pledge found in the Guide, designed to empower kids while at the same time helping to establish initial goals and objectives.

Character Education

Curriculum Resource Guide

Resources in Education

Practical Ways to Bring Moral Instruction to Life

A Book Guide for Teachers, Librarians, and Parents

Orca Echoes Resource Guide