

Wisconsin Character Education Partnership

Mission

The Wisconsin Character Education Partnership seeks to promote character education in public and private K-12 schools in the state.

Working with business leaders, educators and civic leaders, our goals are to:

- *Synergize character education with resources already in place.*
- *Promote and increase training opportunities for teachers and principles in character education and leadership.*
- *Provide/secure the funding sources to achieve these goals.*



Working to encourage and support the intentional, proactive effort by schools, school districts, and the state to instill in Wisconsin's students core universal, ethical values such as integrity, honesty, fairness, responsibility, and respect for themselves and others.

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“When we are planning for posterity, we ought to remember that virtue is not hereditary”

Thomas Paine

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We want to enable Wisconsin Educators to have the best skill sets possible to create, enhance and maintain the most effective, most productive, and safest learning environment for K-12 students through character education. We have three initiatives to support this goal: Schools of Character Award, Eleven Principles Training, and Leadership Academy for Principals.

Wisconsin Schools of Character

An award program to highlight Wisconsin schools for their exemplary work in improving the behavior and learning of their students through character education is being developed. By recognizing schools that exemplify specific, targeted efforts to communicate and integrate character education and their core values, we will be able to share these success stories with other schools in the state.

Eleven Principles Training

The Character Education Partnership, a non-profit, non-sectarian national organization has developed eleven basic principles that can serve as criteria for schools to use in establishing character education programs. These *Eleven Principles* can be used to develop a character education program, or to evaluate other character education programs, books and curriculum resources.

We are seeking a regional training site in our state for the Eleven Principles. In addition, we are securing scholarships for educators/school staff to participate in this training. Additional information about the Eleven Principles can be found on our website: www.wicharacter.org, and at CEP's website: www.character.org.

"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think criticallyintelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education."

- Martin Luther King Jr.

Leadership Academy

We believe principals are essential to effective character education programs and for successful schools. We are working to establish a Leadership Academy for Principals. This will be a stand-alone program for present and future principals. It will be designed to develop, enhance and encourage administrators to create effective character education programs and enhance their leadership skills. It will be a one to three day per month training for approximately twelve months following proven protocols and design.

Apply for Promising Practices 2007 Award

Be recognized for your best practices in character education. See our website for details:
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