

## School-Connect 4.0 Alignment with Character Education

Based on Texas’s Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for Positive Character Traits and Personal Skills, School-Connect aligns with all character development objectives. Character education introduces students to character traits and personal skills that empower them to be citizens who are trustworthy, responsible, and caring. The character traits and personal skills reflect positive beliefs, attitudes, and mindsets; provide opportunities for self-reflection; and permit students to apply effective strategies to make decisions, solve problems, and behave responsibly.

The Texas TEKS standards for positive character traits and personal skills are comprised of four strands: trustworthiness, responsibility, caring, and citizenship. Each strand consists of the following character traits and personal skills.

<b>COMPETENCY 1: TRUSTWORTHINESS</b>		
<b>Objective A: Honesty</b>	<i>Think-Pair-Share and interactive activities embedded throughout School-Connect 4.0 give students opportunities to get to know each other, build rapport, and ultimately build trust.</i>	
	6.1: Developing Positive Relationships 6.9: Applying Relationship-Strengthening Skills (PBL)	7.1: Recognizing Character Strengths 7.2: Being Your True Self
<b>Objective B: Integrity</b>	1.5: Growing and Improving 4.5: Agreeing on Group Responsibilities 4.6: Negotiating Within Groups	4.7: Practicing Group Work 10.6: Problem Solving in the Workplace
<b>Objective C: Loyalty</b>	4.2: Collaborating Effectively 4.3: Disagreeing Respectfully	5.6: Advocating for Others 10.4: Practicing Teamwork
<b>Objective D: Punctuality</b>	3.4: Optimizing In-class Learning 3.5: Managing Time and Priorities	3.6: Overcoming Procrastination 11.6: Organizing Your Time & Priorities
<b>Objective E: Reliability</b>	1.6: Setting up for School Success 3.1: Goal-Setting for School Success 3.7: Maximizing Out-of-class Learning 3.8: Making the Most of Test Prep	7.7: Setting Life Goals 10.3: Developing a Work Ethic 12.1: Owning Adult Responsibilities
<b>COMPETENCY 2: RESPONSIBILITY</b>		
<b>Objective A: Accountability</b>	1.4: Understanding Your Brain 1.7: Checking in on Ourselves and Others 1.9: Agreeing on a Class Contract (PBL) 2.7: Giving and Receiving Feedback 3.4: Optimizing In-class Learning 4.3: Disagreeing Respectfully 4.5: Agreeing on Group Responsibilities 4.8: Reflecting on Lessons Learned 5.6: Advocating for Others 6.6: Making a Sincere Apology	7.7: Setting Life Goals 8.6: Recognizing When You/Others Need Help 10.3: Developing a Work Ethic 11.1: Thinking Ahead About Life After High School 11.8: Applying for Financial Aid 12.1: Owning Adult Responsibilities 12.3: Understanding Financial Literacy

**NOTE:** Some lessons include multiple competencies used simultaneously (e.g., caring, responsibility) and are therefore listed more than once.

<b>Objective B: Diligence</b>	<p>1.6: Setting up for School Success            2.8: Preparing for Presentations            3.4: Optimizing In-class Learning            3.5: Managing Time and Priorities            3.6: Overcoming Procrastination            3.7: Maximizing Out-of-class Learning            3.8: Making the Most of Test Prep</p>	<p>4.7: Practicing Group Work            7.7: Setting Life Goals            7.8: Mapping Your Plan            10.5: Providing Customer Service            11.3: Motivating Yourself &amp; Moving Forward            11.6: Organizing Your Time &amp; Priorities</p>
<b>Objective C: Perseverance</b>	<p>1.5: Growing and Improving            3.2: Applying Growth Mindset            3.3: Bouncing Back from Setbacks            6.5: Using Problem-solving Strategies            7.7: Setting Life Goals</p>	<p>11.1: Thinking Ahead About Life After High School            11.2: Charting Your Future            11.3: Motivating Yourself &amp; Moving Forward</p>
<b>Objective D: Self-control</b>	<p>1.8: Finding Calm            2.4: Using Active Listening            2.7: Giving and Receiving Feedback            5.7: Skill-building for Challenging Conversations            6.3: Monitoring &amp; Managing Emotions            6.4: De-escalating Conflict            6.5: Using Problem-solving Strategies            8.1: Using Your Emotional Radar</p>	<p>8.2: Understanding the Power of Thought            8.3: Coping with Stress/Anxiety            8.4: Understanding Sadness/Depression            8.7: Practicing Self-Care            9.5: Distracted Driving            9.7: Cyberbullying            10.6: Problem Solving in the Workplace            12.5: Choosing Wisely</p>
<b>Objective E: Self-management</b>	<p>1.4: Understanding Your Brain            1.8: Finding Calm            2.1: Creating First Impressions            2.2: Reviving Digital Zombies            3.4: Optimizing In-class Learning            3.5: Managing Time and Priorities            3.6: Overcoming Procrastination            3.7: Maximizing Out-of-class Learning            3.8: Making the Most of Test Prep            4.7: Practicing Group Work            5.7: Skill-building for Challenging Conversations            6.3: Monitoring &amp; Managing Emotions            6.4: De-escalating Conflict</p>	<p>8.1: Using Your Emotional Radar            8.2: Understanding the Power of Thought            8.7: Practicing Self-Care            10.1: Writing a Resume            10.2: Interviewing Effectively            10.7: Responding to Feedback            11.3: Motivating Yourself &amp; Moving Forward            11.7: Managing Stress and Disappointment            12.2: Building a Budget            12.3: Understanding Financial Literacy            12.4: Living on Your Own &amp; with Roommates</p>
<b>COMPETENCY 3: CARING</b>		
<b>Objective A: Interpersonal skills</b>	<p>1.1: Getting to Know You            1.2: Appreciating the Power of a Name            1.9: Agreeing on a Class Contract (PBL)            2.1: Creating First Impressions            2.2: Reviving Digital Zombies            2.3: Tuning In to Others            2.4: Using Active Listening            2.5: Connecting with Peers            2.6: Communicating with Adults            4.2: Collaborating Effectively            4.3: Disagreeing Respectfully            4.4: Brainstorming and Idea Building</p>	<p>5.4: Appreciating Diversity            5.5: Branching Outside Your Social Circle            6.1: Developing Positive Relationships            6.2: Being Aware of Personality Styles            6.4: De-escalating Conflict            6.5: Using Problem-solving Strategies            6.6: Making a Sincere Apology            6.7: Forgiving Others &amp; Ourselves            6.8: Understanding Healthy Dating            10.2: Interviewing Effectively            10.4: Practicing Teamwork            10.5: Providing Customer Service</p>

	<p>4.5: Agreeing on Group Responsibilities  4.6: Negotiating Within Groups  4.7: Practicing Group Work  5.2: Working Toward Empathy  5.3: Checking for Blind Spots</p>	<p>12.4: Living on Your Own &amp; with Roommates  12.5: Choosing Wisely  12.6: Being a Life Partner</p>
<b>Objective B: Charity</b>	<p>4.9: Presenting a Service Project Plan (PBL)  5.8: Becoming Change Agents  5.9: Envisioning More Inclusive Communities (PBL)  6.1: Developing Positive Relationships  7.6: Envisioning Your Future</p>	<p>8.8: Cultivating Hope and Happiness  12.1: Owning Adult Responsibilities  12.2: Building a Budget  12.8: Contributing to Your Country  12.9: Launching into Adulthood (PBL)</p>
<b>Objective C: Compassion</b>	<p>1.7: Checking in on Ourselves and Others  2.3: Tuning In to Others  2.4: Using Active Listening  2.5: Connecting with Peers  5.2: Working Toward Empathy  5.3: Checking for Blind Spots  6.1: Developing Positive Relationships  7.1: Recognizing Character Strengths</p>	<p>8.6: Recognizing When You/Others Need Help  10.5: Providing Customer Service  12.4: Living on Your Own &amp; with Roommates  12.6: Being a Life Partner  12.7: Considering Parenting</p>
<b>Objective D: Consideration</b>	<p>2.5: Connecting with Peers  2.6: Communicating with Adults  4.1: Preparing for Group Projects  4.2: Collaborating Effectively  4.3: Disagreeing Respectfully  4.4: Brainstorming and Idea Building  4.6: Negotiating Within Groups  5.1: Valuing Community and Cultural Wealth  5.2: Working Toward Empathy  5.3: Checking for Blind Spots  5.4: Appreciating Diversity</p>	<p>5.5: Branching Outside Your Social Circle  5.6: Advocating for Others  6.1: Developing Positive Relationships  6.7: Forgiving Others &amp; Ourselves  6.8: Understanding Healthy Dating  8.5: Breaking Through Loneliness  8.9: Raising Awareness for Mental Health/Wellness (PBL)  10.6: Problem Solving in the Workplace  12.4: Living on Your Own &amp; with Roommates</p>
<b>Objective E: Cooperation</b>	<p>1.7: Checking in on Ourselves and Others  1.9: Agreeing on a Class Contract (PBL)  4.1: Preparing for Group Projects  4.2: Collaborating Effectively  4.3: Disagreeing Respectfully  4.4: Brainstorming and Idea Building  4.5: Agreeing on Group Responsibilities</p>	<p>4.6: Negotiating Within Groups  4.7: Practicing Group Work  4.8: Reflecting on Lessons Learned  4.9: Presenting a Service Project Plan (PBL)  10.4: Practicing Teamwork</p>
<b>Objective F: Empathy</b>	<p>1.7: Checking in on Ourselves and Others  2.3: Tuning In to Others  2.4: Using Active Listening  4.2: Collaborating Effectively  5.2: Working Toward Empathy</p>	<p>5.3: Checking for Blind Spots  6.1: Developing Positive Relationships  8.1: Using Your Emotional Radar  8.6: Recognizing When You/Others Need Help</p>
<b>Objective G: Generosity</b>	<p>4.9: Presenting a Service Project Plan (PBL)  6.1: Developing Positive Relationships</p>	<p>8.5: Breaking Through Loneliness  12.8: Contributing to Your Country</p>
<b>Objective H: Kindness</b>	<p>1.1: Getting to Know You  1.2: Appreciating the Power of a Name  2.4: Using Active Listening</p>	<p>5.6: Advocating for Others  6.1: Developing Positive Relationships  6.6: Making a Sincere Apology</p>

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<b>Objective I: Patience</b>	<p>3.3: Bouncing Back from Setbacks                  4.2: Collaborating Effectively                  4.3: Disagreeing Respectfully                  4.4: Brainstorming and Idea Building                  6.1: Developing Positive Relationships</p>	<p>6.2: Being Aware of Personality Styles                  7.1: Recognizing Character Strengths                  10.5: Providing Customer Service                  11.3: Motivating Yourself &amp; Moving Forward</p>
<b>COMPETENCY 4: GOOD CITIZENSHIP</b>		
<b>Objective A: having concern for the common good and the community</b>	<p>1.7: Checking in on Ourselves and Others                  1.9: Agreeing on a Class Contract (PBL)                  2.3: Tuning In to Others                  2.4: Using Active Listening                  2.5: Connecting with Peers                  2.6: Communicating with Adults                  4.2: Collaborating Effectively                  4.3: Disagreeing Respectfully                  4.5: Agreeing on Group Responsibilities                  4.6: Negotiating Within Groups                  4.9: Presenting a Service Project Plan (PBL)                  5.1: Valuing Community and Cultural Wealth                  5.2: Working Toward Empathy                  5.3: Checking for Blind Spots                  5.4: Appreciating Diversity                  5.5: Branching Outside Your Social Circle                  5.6: Advocating for Others</p>	<p>5.7: Skill-building for Challenging Conversations                  5.8: Becoming Change Agents                  5.9: Envisioning More Inclusive Communities (PBL)                  6.1: Developing Positive Relationships                  6.6: Making a Sincere Apology                  8.6: Recognizing When You/Others Need Help                  8.7: Practicing Self-Care                  8.8: Cultivating Hope and Happiness                  8.9: Raising Awareness for Mental Health/Wellness (PBL)                  9.5: Stopping Distracted Driving                  10.3: Developing a Work Ethic                  10.4: Practicing Teamwork                  10.5: Providing Customer Service</p>
<b>Objective B: having respect for authority, law, justice, and the rights of others</b>	<p>2.1: Creating First Impressions                  2.3: Tuning In to Others                  2.4: Using Active Listening                  2.6: Communicating with Adults                  2.7: Giving and Receiving Feedback                  3.4: Optimizing In-class Learning</p>	<p>10.2: Interviewing Effectively                  12.1: Owning Adult Responsibilities                  12.5: Choosing Wisely                  12.8: Contributing to Your Country                  12.9: Launching into Adulthood (PBL)</p>
<b>Objective C: being free from prejudice</b>	<p>5.1: Valuing Community and Cultural Wealth                  5.2: Working Toward Empathy                  5.3: Checking for Blind Spots                  5.4: Appreciating Diversity                  5.5: Branching Outside Your Social Circle                  5.6: Advocating for Others</p>	<p>5.7: Skill-building for Challenging Conversations                  5.8: Becoming Change Agents                  5.9: Envisioning More Inclusive Communities (PBL)</p>
<b>Objective D: having gratitude and school pride</b>	<p>1.7: Checking in on Ourselves and Others                  1.8: Finding Calm                  1.9: Agreeing on a Class Contract (PBL)                  2.6: Communicating with Adults                  3.4: Optimizing In-class Learning</p>	<p>7.1: Recognizing Character Strengths                  7.6: Envisioning Your Future                  11.4: Navigating College Applications                  11.9: Celebrating Your Progress (PBL)</p>

<p><b>Objective E: being courteous, fair, and patriotic</b></p>	<p>1.9: Agreeing on a Class Contract (PBL)          2.6: Communicating with Adults          2.7: Giving and Receiving Feedback          4.2: Collaborating Effectively          4.3: Disagreeing Respectfully          4.5: Agreeing on Group Responsibilities          5.1: Valuing Community and Cultural Wealth          5.2: Working Toward Empathy          5.3: Checking for Blind Spots          5.4: Appreciating Diversity          5.6: Advocating for Others          5.8: Becoming Change Agents          5.9: Envisioning More Inclusive Communities (PBL)          6.1: Developing Positive Relationships</p>	<p>6.5: Using Problem-solving Strategies          7.1: Recognizing Character Strengths          10.4: Practicing Teamwork          10.5: Providing Customer Service          10.6: Problem Solving in the Workplace          10.7: Responding to Feedback          12.1: Owning Adult Responsibilities          12.4: Living on Your Own &amp; with Roommates          12.5: Choosing Wisely          12.6: Being a Life Partner          12.7: Considering Parenting          12.8: Contributing to Your Country          12.9: Launching into Adulthood (PBL)</p>
<p><b>Objective F: making responsible decision</b></p>	<p>1.6: Setting up for School Success          2.1: Creating First Impressions          2.2: Reviving Digital Zombies          2.8: Preparing for Presentations          3.1: Goal-Setting for School Success          3.4: Optimizing In-class Learning          3.5: Managing Time and Priorities          3.6: Overcoming Procrastination          3.7: Maximizing Out-of-class Learning          3.8: Making the Most of Test Prep          4.5: Agreeing on Group Responsibilities          4.6: Negotiating Within Groups          4.7: Practicing Group Work          6.5: Using Problem-solving Strategies          6.8: Understanding Healthy Dating          7.3: Forging Your Path          7.4: Exploring Career Options          7.5: Planning for College/Post-Secondary Education          7.7: Setting Life Goals          7.8: Mapping Your Plan          8.6: Recognizing When You/Others Need Help          8.7: Practicing Self-Care</p>	<p>9.5: Stopping Distracted Driving          10.3: Developing a Work Ethic          10.5: Providing Customer Service          10.6: Problem Solving in the Workplace          10.7: Responding to Feedback          10.8: Advocating for Yourself          11.1: Thinking Ahead About Life After High School          11.2: Charting Your Future          11.3: Motivating Yourself &amp; Moving Forward          11.4: Navigating College Applications          11.5: Writing Your College Essays          11.6: Organizing Your Time &amp; Priorities          11.8: Applying for Financial Aid          12.1: Owning Adult Responsibilities          12.2: Building a Budget          12.3: Understanding Financial Literacy          12.4: Living on Your Own &amp; with Roommates          12.5: Choosing Wisely          12.7: Considering Parenting          12.8: Contributing to Your Country</p>