

February - Fairness

The Isabella County CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition wants you to know that February is the month that we celebrate having FAIRNESS. Please add one of the statements below to your daily PA announcements. They may be used in any order. Below is suggested language for incorporating the statement, but please feel free to introduce and expand on the statement in a way that has meaning for you and your students. They also make excellent additions to newsletters, flyers, and other printed materials that go to students, parents, or up for public display.

Example: "February is a month that we celebrate being fair – Show that you are fair - Always play by the rules and tell your friends to do the same."

1. Make sure everyone gets the same opportunity.
2. Play fair. Play by the rules.
3. Be fair to those younger than you, including younger brothers and sisters. Don't take advantage of their age.
4. Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. -Martin Luther King, Jr.
5. Remember to take turns. Give everyone the same chance.
6. Listen to everyone's ideas; they are just as important as the ideas that you share.
7. Remember to treat others fairly regardless of their differences from you.
8. Be yourself and allow others to be themselves too.
9. Be strong behind your opinions but allow others to have theirs heard also.
10. Never leave anyone out. Find a way to let everyone join in or have a turn.
11. When you are fair, you are a good friend; and everyone wants a good friend.
12. Be open-minded to everything. Listen to your parents, siblings, teachers, and friends.
13. Being fair is being accepting of others. Accept everyone for his or her positive differences.
14. Support everyone's thoughts and ideas because they will be here to support yours.
15. All of your classmates have wonderful qualities; see them each for who they are.
16. Don't always answer the questions in class; allow others to answer too.
17. Don't blame others for things you have done wrong.
18. Everyone deserves a fair and equal chance.
19. Take turns and share, good things will always return in the end.
20. Everyone is different. By accepting all our differences we allow people to be themselves.
21. Never take credit for work that someone else did.
22. Treat all people fairly, equally, and with justice. We are all connected.
23. Raise your hand in class. It's not only shows respect. It gives others the opportunity to share.
24. We all have unique talents, so let them shine through. Remember to always support the talents of others.
25. "Real prosperity can only come when everybody prospers" said Eleanor Roosevelt. We have to be concerned about everyone around us, not just ourselves, our families and our friends.
26. If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor. – Bishop Desmond Tutu
27. Count no day lost in which you waited your turn, took only your share and sought advantage over no one. By Robert Brault,