

January - Trustworthiness

The Isabella County CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition wants you to know that January is the month that we celebrate being TRUSTWORTHY. 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: "January is a month that we celebrate being trustworthy – Show that you are trustworthy – Always tell the truth to your parents, teachers, and everyone around you."

1. Always tell the truth to your parents, teachers, and everyone around you.
2. Honesty is the best policy. If you're honest, you never have to remember your story.
3. When you play games by the rules, others will want to play with you.
4. Without conscience there is no credibility, without credibility there is no trust and without trust there is no future.
5. Always do your own work, whether it's homework or a test. You'll never know how smart you really are unless you do!
6. If you make a mistake, it's always easier to fix it if you own up to it.
7. Always keep your promises! And don't promise something you can't really do.
8. When you tell someone that you'll do something with them, make sure you do it!
9. Be someone that friends know will be honest with them no matter what.
10. Follow your conscience – it usually knows what's right.
11. Sometimes not answering a question or telling what you know is the same as not telling the truth.
12. Keep the secrets of those who trust you.
13. Never take what doesn't belong to you.
14. Having others trust you is quite a compliment. It means you're a person of good character.
15. Always do the right thing even when others try to encourage you to do something different.
16. Don't lie, cheat or steal.
17. Don't offer to do something when you know you can't or probably won't be able to do it.
18. Always return what you borrow, and return it in the same or better condition.
19. Don't let your friends hurt themselves or others.
20. Don't lose heart if things don't go your way. Keep doing what you know is right.
21. Don't be sneaky, tricky, or deceptive. That's just as dishonest as an outright lie.
22. If someone asks you to join them in lying, cheating, or stealing, tell them NO.
23. Be on time; it's a little thing that shows you can be trusted.
24. Listen to that little voice inside your head that lets you what's right and wrong. Choose right!
25. When you know someone is counting on you, don't let them down
26. When you trust someone, let them know! And tell them thank you for being someone you can count on!