

## March - Citizenship

The Isabella County CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition wants you to know that March is the month that we celebrate CITIZENSHIP. 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: "March is a month that we celebrate citizenship – Show that you are a good citizen - Always play by the rules."*

1. Always play by the rules.
2. Do your part to make your home, school, and community better.
3. Cooperate with others and be a good neighbor.
4. Obey laws and rules – they are there to protect you.
5. Listen to your parents and teachers.
6. Protect the environment.
7. Help out if you see that someone is having a hard time doing something.
8. Help make the community a good place to live for everyone.
9. "No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another." Charles Dickens
10. A good family member obeys the rules because they keep us safe and because they make our homes better places. We obey the laws of our community for the same reasons.
11. "We are our choices." Jean Paul-Sarte
12. "What is right is right, even if no one is doing it. What is wrong is wrong, even if everyone is doing it."
13. In a community, everyone's job is important and everyone has to do their share to make the community run smoothly.
14. You are practicing good citizenship when you do your part to make the world a better place.
15. Respect authority and law.
16. All members of the community share a responsibility for protecting the land, so make sure you do your part.
17. "If you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem" Unknown
18. Don't just complain about problems, do something to fix them!
19. We all have special abilities. Use yours to make your community a better place.
20. "The sole meaning of life is to serve humanity." Leo Tolstoy
21. "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." Margaret Mead
22. Conserve resources by practicing the three R's: "Reduce, Re-use, and Recycle."
23. Don't litter and waste, and if you see trash – pick it up.
24. Be a volunteer – help your school and community be better, cleaner, and safer.