

GEARUP SUCCESS PARTNERSHIP

UPCOMING EVENTS AT CINCINNATI PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- Dec. 17-21**
Semester Exams, Grades 9-10.
- Dec. 24-Jan. 3**
Winter Recess. Schools closed.
- Friday, Jan. 4**
End of Second Quarter.
Parent Conference Day. No pupils.
- Jan. 14-23**
High Schools of Choice Application Period.
- Friday, Jan. 18**
Staff Development Day. No pupils.
- Monday, Jan. 21**
Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Schools Closed.
- Wednesday, Jan. 23**
Magnet School Fair
4-7 p.m., Education Center.

Are you a Respectful Person?

TRUE FALSE

- I treat other people the way I want to be treated.
- I accept personal differences.
- I work to solve problems without violence.
- I think about other's feelings.
- I avoid using obscene or hurtful language.



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Trust and respect are two of the most valuable characteristics a person can possess, and they build on one another.

"To be trusted is a greater compliment than to be loved," author George MacDonald wrote.

How does a person earn trust?

Like most aspects of good personal character, a reputation for trustworthiness – and the respect it earns – must be achieved through a consistent pattern of positive choices and actions.

Millions of students nationwide learn to make wise and ethical decisions with help from the CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition, a non-partisan and non-sectarian alliance of human-service agencies and educational organizations.

CHARACTER COUNTS! advocates a set of core ethical values, which students are encouraged to live by. Trust forms the foundation for many of the principles of these core values. Striving to live according to values builds your reputation for trustworthiness and allows you to serve as a positive

example for others. Some positive values you should try are listed below.

Be honest with yourself and others. Keep your promises, and be the type of person whose word is valuable.

Don't deceive, cheat or steal. Always be truthful.

Be reliable. Do what you say you'll do. Follow through on the commitments you make to others – and to yourself.

Have the courage to do the right thing. Don't cave in to temptation, and don't take the easy way out.

Build a good reputation. Don't do things that might jeopardize your good name.

Be loyal. Stand by your family, friends and country when you know it's the right thing to do. But, remember not to be blindly loyal. Sometimes standing by someone you care about could cause you to make the wrong decision.

When you trust your own judgment, you'll learn to tell the difference between the right decision and the wrong one.

Build respect by building trust. When other people trust that you'll treat them with respect, they'll begin to respect you as well. Treat everyone the way you would like to be treated.

Be tolerant of the differences in others. Sometimes you'll disagree with other viewpoints, but you should be respectful of opinions, even when you express your opposition.

Be polite. Use good manners and don't use bad language or profanity. Set a good example for younger children, and behave in a respectful manner to older people.

Treat everyone with civility, courtesy and dignity. You'll find they treat you the same way. Don't ever intentionally ridicule, embarrass or hurt other people. If you see someone being treated unfairly, stand up for him or her. They'll remember your kindness.

Don't threaten, hit or hurt others. Deal peacefully with anger, insults or disagreements. Violence doesn't solve anything, and in fact, creates more problems than it works out.

Jackie Robinson, the Major League Baseball Hall-of-Famer, once said he was not concerned with others liking or disliking him. "All I ask is that you respect me as a human being," he said.

When you extend that courtesy to other people, they'll offer you the same.

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Fast facts

To prepare for the SAT, students should:

- a) Brush up on algebra
- b) Take a practice test
- c) Bring a snack
- d) All of the above



Be prepared when you fill out FAFSA

The Free Application for Student Aid, or FAFSA, is the most important document you'll fill out as you apply for financial assistance. You should complete and return it as soon as possible after Jan. 1. Before you get started, make sure you've got these items in front of you:

Social Security number

Driver's license, if any

W-2 Forms and other 2007 records of money earned

If you are a dependent student, your legal guardians' 2007 Federal Income Tax Return – IRS Form 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ, 1040TeleFile, foreign tax return or tax return from a U.S. protectorate

The previous year's untaxed income records – Social Security, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, welfare or veterans benefits records, if applicable to you and your family

Current bank statements

Current business and investment mortgage information, business and farm records, stock, bond and other investment records, if applicable to you and your family

Alien Registration Receipt, if you are not a U.S. citizen

