


<p><b>Local District 1</b> A Commitment to Character and Code of Conduct</p>	<p><b>NOBLE ELEMENTARY</b></p>	
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**Character Counts!** Students are to carefully read the following “Commitment to Character” and pledge themselves to being the best person they can be by daily practicing the “Six Pillars of Character,” which include the following:

**Trustworthiness** is being honest, telling the truth, and keeping promises.

1. Tell the truth, be honest, and return what you borrow.
2. Look for goodness in others. Do not talk behind anyone’s back, spread rumors, or engage in harmful gossip.

**Respect** is judging people on their merits, being courteous and polite, and appreciating and accepting individual differences. It means treating others the way you would like to be treated.

1. Show respect for all persons regardless of gender, ethnicity, ability, culture, or sexual orientation.
2. Think about what you say to others. Do not use profanity, obscene gestures, abusive language, and racially or sexually derogatory remarks towards students, staff, or other persons.
3. Behave courteously and cooperatively towards teachers, staff, and other students.
4. Treat others like you want to be treated. Never threaten, harm, bully, intimidate, abuse, mistreat, exploit, or fight with anyone.

**Responsibility** is fulfilling your school, family, and community obligations. Responsible people think ahead, set reasonable goals, control their tempers, and do not give up easily.

1. Be responsible for what you do. Never bring to school or threaten anyone with a weapon (including a toy weapon) such as a gun, knife, explosive device, tear gas, firecracker, or other dangerous device.
2. Keep your body healthy. Do not use and/or possess alcohol, drugs, and tobacco.
3. Attend school daily and be on time.
4. Be prepared daily by bringing all necessary materials to class, including textbooks and homework.

**Fairness** is playing by the rules, taking turns, sharing, and listening. A fair person is tolerant, open-minded and tries to understand what others are saying and feeling.

1. Talk out problems when they occur.
2. Show through your behavior that you believe that all people should be treated the same.

**Caring** is being kind, helpful, and generous to everyone.

1. Report to school staff any information that someone has threatened to cause or caused harm to themselves or others.
2. Help others without being asked.

**Citizenship** is doing your share to help your family and make your school and community a better place. A good citizen plays by the rules.

1. Obey all school rules and laws.
2. Take care of all books, materials, equipment, and school property.
3. Wear clothing that adheres to the school dress code and is appropriate for school.
4. Help to keep our campus clean by throwing trash away properly.