



## Character Counts®

Mission Valley is a Character Counts ®! school. This means the six pillars of character are modeled and followed each and every day.

### Trustworthiness

- Be honest
- Don't deceive, cheat, or steal
- Be reliable – do what you say you will do
- Have the courage to do the right thing
- Build a good reputation
- Be loyal – stand by your family, friends, and country

### Respect

- Treat others with respect – follow the golden rule
- Be tolerant and accepting of differences
- Use good manners, not bad language
- Be considerate of the feelings of others
- Don't threaten, hit, or hurt anyone
- Deal peacefully with anger, insults, and disagreements

### Responsibility

- Do what you are supposed to do
- Plan ahead
- Persevere – keep on trying!
- Always do your best
- Use self-control
- Be self-disciplined
- Think before you act – consider the consequences
- Be accountable for your words, actions, and attitudes
- Set a good example for others

### Fairness

- Play by the rules
- Take turns and share
- Be open-minded – listen to others
- Don't take advantage of others
- Don't blame others carelessly
- Treat all people fairly

### Caring

- Be kind
- Be compassionate – show you care
- Express gratitude
- Forgive others
- Help people in need

### Citizenship

- Do your share to make your school and community better
- Cooperate
- Get involved in community affairs
- Stay informed – vote
- Be a good neighbor
- Obey laws and rules
- Respect authority
- Protect the environment
- Volunteer

Our [behavior matrix](#) sets expectations for student behavior, and describes what each pillar will look like on campus.