



Effective Character Education

What is *WiseSkills*?

WiseSkills is a comprehensive character-building program that equips young people with the critical character qualities they need to be successful. *WiseSkills* includes three separate, yet interconnected, components that help schools, families, and communities cultivate good character in young people.

WiseSkills helps schools implement effective character education by providing a variety of innovative resources for teachers, counselors, administrators, families, and the local community. *WiseSkills* is organized around convenient schoolwide *Character Themes* that unite schools in teaching positive character throughout the year. The three *WiseSkills* components described below can each be implemented separately or together. (Contact *WiseSkills* to receive a FREE preview of any of the resources listed.)

I. The *WiseSkills* School Component

Resources

- *WiseWords* (K-2) • *WiseQuotes* (3-5) • *WiseLives* (6-8) • *Wisdom for Life* (9-12)
- *Administrator's Handbook* (K-8) • *Wisdom for Life School License* (9-12)

The *School Component* consists of a variety of interconnected classroom and schoolwide activities that teach and reinforce good character. Many of the character-building activities can also be used during after-school programs. A teacher-friendly K-12 curricula and practical administrator materials provide resources and strategies to highlight monthly *Character Themes* using:

- *Curriculum Integration*
Connecting the theme to *language arts, social studies, science, and other subject areas.*
- *Character Quotations*
Memorable and meaningful quotes that highlight important principles of character .
- *Inspiring Biographies*
Brief portraits of the lives of inspiring positive role models.
- *Brief Character Activities*
Short 10-15 minute class activities that focus students on good character.
- *Reproducible Pages*
Stimulating ungraded pages that can be used with small groups or partners or assigned as homework.
- *Special Events & Programs*
Special schoolwide events that reinforce each *Character Theme.*
- *Visual Displays*
Engaging bulletin boards that illustrate each theme.
- *Schoolwide Contests*
Special contests that encourage students to write or create art about character-related issues.
- *School Announcements*
Special school announcements that highlight each theme.

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II. *The WiseSkills Family Component*

Resources

• *Family Wisdom (K-5)*

• *Family Wisdom (6-8)*

The *Family Component* includes materials and activities to help families build the character of their children. Reproducible newsletters and home activity pages provide families with simple home activities including:

- ***Personal Thoughts***
Questions for parents to reflect on their own personal character.
- ***Modeling Moments***
Suggestions for how parents can model good character for their children.
- ***World of Wisdom***
Questions to help parents and children identify character lessons in children's literature and in other academic subject areas.
- ***Home Displays***
Practical table tents and other displays to remind families to show good character.
- ***Brief Family Activities***
Simple 10-15 minute character-building activities where families write, draw, interview people, share with one another, and other interactive activities.

III. *The WiseSkills Community Component*

Resource

• *Community Connections Kit*

The *Community Component* involves having school volunteers coordinate special activities with local businesses and organizations that build and reinforce good character. *Volunteer Community Coordinators* work with community resources to arrange:

- ***Ongoing Career Speakers***
Speakers share about their careers and how they demonstrate good character.
- ***Regular Service Projects***
Classes work together on service projects to contribute to their school or community.

WiseSkills: Comprehensive Character Education

School	Family	Community
<p>1. Classroom Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interdisciplinary Activities • Character Quotes • Brief Discussions • Role-Plays • Biographies • Reproducible Pages <p>2. Schoolwide Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Events • PA Announcements • Contests & Awards • Visual Displays 	<p>1. Family Newsletters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflections on Character • Simple Home Activities • Character Quotes • Dinner Discussions • Discussing Media Messages • Life Lessons in Stories <p>2. Family Activity Pages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connecting School & Character • Evaluating Media Messages • Family Service Ideas • Character Challenge 	<p>1. Ongoing Career Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Career Awareness • Models of Good Character • Connect Character & Careers • Arranged By School Volunteers <p>2. Regular Service Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applying Good Character • Work with Local Groups • Organized By School Volunteers

WiseSkills &..." are information sheets that describe different facets of the *WiseSkills* program.
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