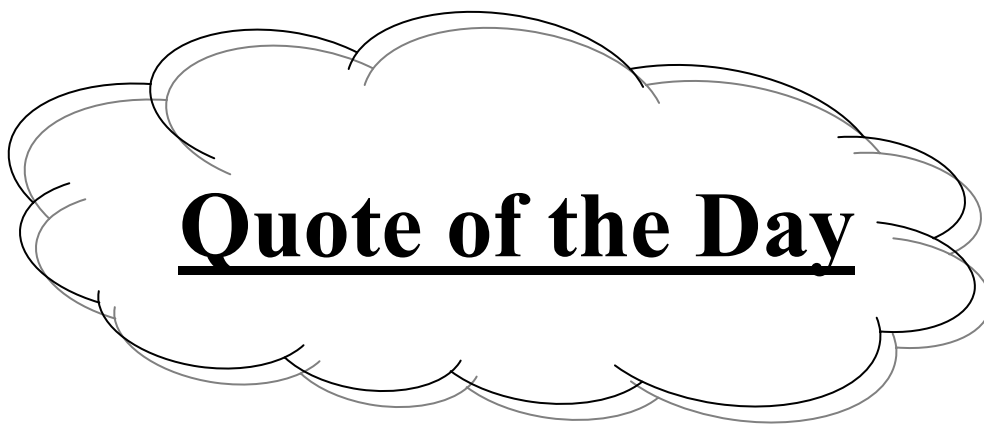




Using a quote of the day exercise in class can be an inspirational but short activity for character and ethical skill development incorporated in to the Georgia Performance Standards. Quotes will challenge students to think critically and stretch their thinking as they record the quotes and write and discuss their interpretations. Students will remember their favorite quotes for a lifetime.

The 200+ quotations in this document were selected to apply across all CTAE pathways. The teacher is encouraged to add quotes that may relate more directly to their pathway.

Value of a Quote of the Day

In addition to building life skills defined in CTAE Standards, quotations can:

- Build language arts skills such as interpreting, paraphrasing, and using synonyms.
- Help improve student vocabulary.
- Be a great way to open discussion on caring, responsibility, and respect.
- Make instruction more meaningful when related to class curriculum.

Standards

Using a quote of the day meets at least two CTAE Foundation Standards, as well as a State Board of Education Rule.

Georgia Performance Standards:

CTAE-FS-3 Communications: Learners use various communication skills in expressing and interpreting information.

CTAE-FS-9 Ethics and Legal Responsibilities: Learners commit to work ethics, behavior, and legal responsibilities in the workplace.

State Board of Education Rule

The Georgia State Board of Education supports character education. The following rule emphasizes the importance of character and values education.

160-4-2-.33 VALUES AND CHARACTER EDUCATION.

(1) REQUIREMENTS.

(a) Local boards of education shall provide instruction that addresses the core values adopted by the State Board of Education. Local boards of education shall also provide instruction in character education.

(b) Each local board of education shall adopt a plan for implementing values and character education and shall specify in that plan the instructional materials and strategies to be used.

(c) The department shall develop a values and character education guide which may be used by local boards of education in the development of values and character education programs.

Authority O.C.G.A. § 20-2-145; 20-2-240 .

See the guide at the end of this document for detailed instructions on implementing character education in the classroom.

SUGGESTIONS FOR USE

Class Starters

Make the “Quote of the Day” a Class Starter. When used in this manner, students should know that when the bell rings for class to begin they should read the quote of the day, write it in their journal or notebook and follow other directions given by the teacher. Using a quote as a Class Starter is a positive way to begin class and adds consistency to class routine. Students should know that as soon as the bell rings, the room should be quiet and they should be writing for 3-5 minutes. This procedure should be followed each day. The learning environment is much more positive when starting the class this way.

Challenge Students

The teacher should challenge students to apply the quotations to their own lives. Teachers are sometimes pleasantly surprised that students relate to the quotes with deep sensitivity and interpretation.

Invite Students to Submit Quotes

The teacher may want to invite students to submit their “favorite” quotes to use as a quote of the day or to post on the wall. Students may want to jazz up their quotes on the computer or by hand painting. Students respond better when they feel they have some ownership of a project.

Post Quotes of the Day

Post Quotes of the Day on the class wall after use. Occasionally, students will zone-out or be distracted from class and the quotes give them something positive to look at!

Favorite Quotations

Have students select their favorite quotes, find appropriate photographs, and add the quotes to the photos. Print them out in color if possible and add them to their notebook or post on the wall of the classroom or in the hall – or on the ceiling of the classroom.



Quick Check

Quotes may be written in student journals or notebooks and dated. The teacher may wish to occasionally ask for the quotations from certain dates. This will help assure students are participating and staying on task. Teachers may give certain dates and ask only for the students' interpretations of the quote from that day. This is a great way to incorporate the character building quotations into your class.

Displaying and Using Quotations

This set of quotes is intended to be put on display in the classroom. They may be printed and put into a notebook for display. The students should write the quote in their journals, agendas or in the bubble on the worksheet. Students should take a moment to think about what the quote means and write their interpretations on the worksheet. The teacher may want to ask a few students for their interpretations of the quote.



Name: Ima Sample

Date: 8/5/2009

Quote of the Day:

Opportunity is missed by
most people because it is
dressed in overalls and looks
like work.

- Thomas Alva Edison

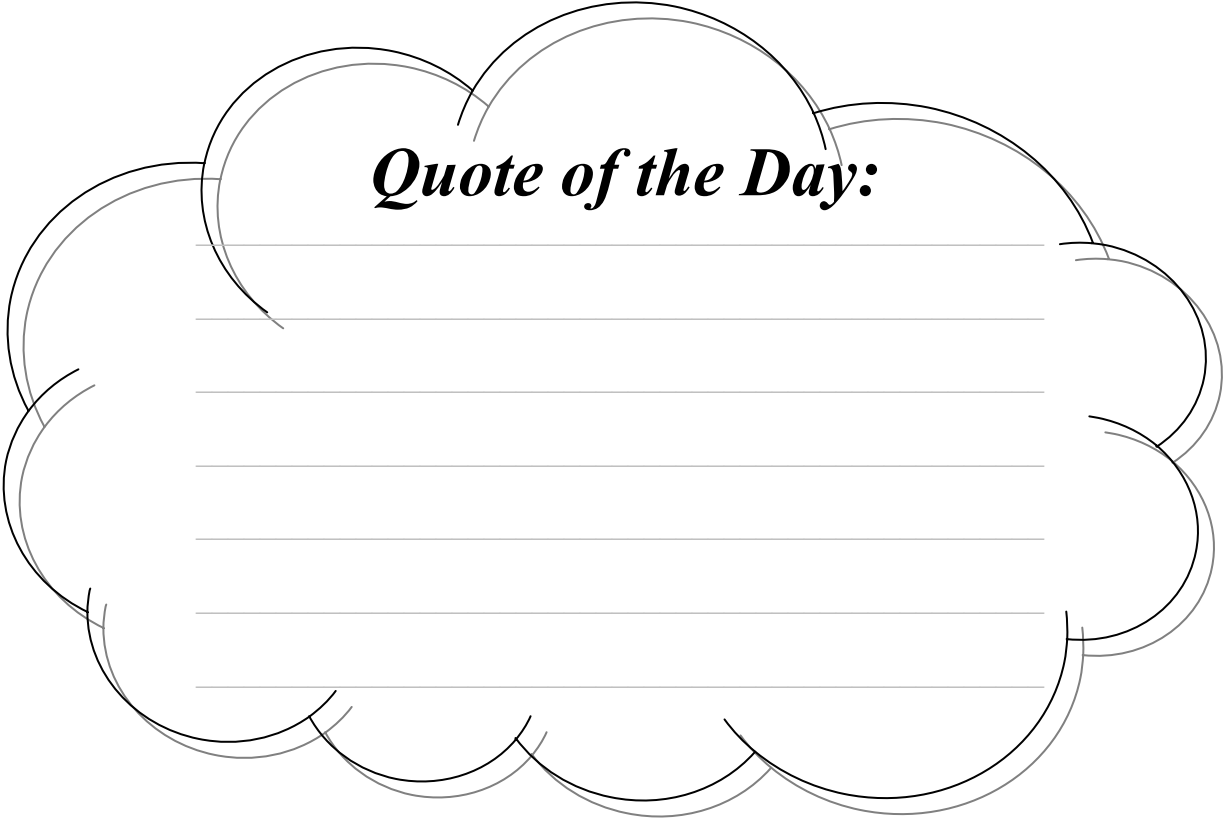
Answer one or more of the following questions as directed by your teacher. (Rewrite the quote in your own words. What does this quote mean to you? How can this sentiment be applied to your own life? Who is someone that models this trait? Other thoughts?)

I can apply this to my life by remembering that hard work is indispensable. More often than not, hard work opens doors and creates opportunities that would not have otherwise been there.

My father models this trait. He works hard and it has created many great opportunities for him as well as my family.

Name: _____

Date: _____



Quote of the Day:

Answer one or more of the following questions as directed by your teacher. (Rewrite the quote in your own words. What does this quote mean to you? How can this sentiment be applied to your own life? Who is someone that models this trait? Other thoughts?)

Blessed is he who
has found his work.

~ Thomas Carlyle

Whether You Think
You Can or Can't,
You're Right.

~ Henry Ford

Life is a garden.

Dig it!

~ David Spade (Joe Dirt)

The best things in life
aren't things.
~ Art Buchwald

You're only given a
little spark of madness.
You mustn't lose it.

~ Robin Williams

Not all who wander
are lost.

~ J.R.R. Tolkien

Be kind. Everyone
you meet is fighting a
hard battle.

~Attributed to both T.H. Thompson and John Watson

Whenever possible,
skip rather than
walk.

~Author Unknown

I cried because I
had no shoes until I
met a man who had
no feet.

~Anonymous

If you always do what
you've always done, you'll
always get what you always
got, and you'll always feel
what you always felt.

~Author Unknown

The reason a dog has
so many friends is that
he wags his tail instead
of his tongue.

~Author Unknown

Dream like you will
live forever, live
like you will die
today.
~James Dean

It is better to light
one small candle
than to sit and curse
the darkness.

~Chinese Proverb

A good friend is
hard to find, harder
to leave, and
impossible to forget.

~Author Unknown

Do or Do not.
There is no try.
~Yoda

"I think there is a world
market for about five
computers."

~ Thomas Watson, Chairman of IBM, 1943

"I have traveled the length and breadth of this country, and talked with the best people, and I can assure you that data processing is a fad that won't last out the year."

~ Editor of business books for Prentice Hall, 1957

We can only be said to
be alive in those
moments when our
hearts are conscious of
our treasures.

~Thornton Wilder

"There is no reason for
any individual to have a
computer in their
home."

~ Ken Olsen, president, founder of Digital Equipment Corp., 1977

"This 'telephone' has too many shortcomings to be seriously considered as a means of communication. The device is inherently of no value to us."

~ Western Union internal memo, 1876

Whatever you are, be
a good one.

~Abraham Lincoln

"We don't like their
sound. Groups of
guitars are on the way
out."

~ Decca Recording Company executive rejecting the Beatles,
1962.

"Stocks have reached
what looks like a
permanently high
plateau."

~ Irving Fisher, Professor of Economics, Yale University, 1929.

**We should be taught not to
wait for inspiration to start
a thing. Action always
generates inspiration.
Inspiration seldom
generates action.**

~ Frank Tibolt

Never mistake
motion for
action.

~ Ernest Hemingway

Remember, people will
judge you by your actions,
not your intentions. You
may have a heart of gold -
but so does a
hard-boiled egg.

~Author Unknown

People may doubt
what you say, but
they will believe
what you do.

~Lewis Cass

The cyclone derives
its powers from a
calm center. So does
a person.
~Norman Vincent Peale

I believe humans get a
lot done, not because
we're smart, but because
we have thumbs so we
can make coffee.

~Flash Rosenberg

An idealist is one who, on
noticing that roses smell
better than cabbage,
concludes that they will
also make better soup.

~Henry L. Mencken

Whenever you
fall, pick
something up.
~Oswald Avery

I have learned to use
the word *impossible*
with the greatest
caution.

~Wernher von Braun

We cannot direct
the wind but we
can adjust the sails.

~Author Unknown

Some people are always
grumbling because roses
have thorns; I am
thankful that thorns have
roses.

~Alphonse Karr

I have found that if
you love life, life
will love you back.

~Arthur Rubinstein

There are two types of
people - those who come
into a room and say, "Well,
here I am!" and those who
come in and say, "Ah, there
you are."

~Frederick L. Collins

Excellence is not a skill.
It is an attitude.

~Ralph Marston

You can observe a
lot just by watching.
~Yogi Berra

"Who wants to hear actors talk?"

~ Harry M. Warner, president of Warner Brothers Pictures, 1927.

You've got to be very
careful if you don't
know where you're
going, because you
might not get there.

~ Yogi Berra

For every minute you
are angry, you lose
sixty seconds of
happiness.
~Author Unknown

There are 86,400
seconds in this day.
Have you used one to
say "thank you?"

~William A. Ward

The only people with
whom you should try to
get even are those who
have helped you.
~John E. Southard

"Airplanes are
interesting toys, but
of no military
value."

~ Maréchal Ferdinand Foch, 1911.

Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision; the ability to direct individual accomplishment toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results.

~Andrew Carnegie

If you don't like how
things are, change it!
You're not a tree.

~Jim Rohn

You can tell more about
a person by what he says
about others than you
can by what others say
about him.

~Leo Aikman

It is every man's
obligation to put back
into the world at least
the equivalent of what
he takes out of it.

~Albert Einstein

Giving up doesn't
always mean you are
weak. Sometimes it
means that you are
strong enough to let go.

~Author Unknown

Promise only what you
can deliver. Then
deliver more than you
promise.
~Author Unknown

Life is like riding a
bicycle - in order to
keep your balance, you
must keep moving.

~Albert Einstein

Am I not destroying
my enemies when I
make friends of
them?

~Abraham Lincoln

There is often less
danger in the things
we fear than in the
things we desire.

~John C. Collins

Dig the well before
you are thirsty.

~Chinese Proverb

"Louis Pasteur's
theory of germs is
ridiculous fiction."

~ Pierre Pachet, Professor of Physiology at Toulouse, 1872

Everyone should learn to
do one thing supremely
well because he likes it,
and one thing supremely
well because he detests it.

~Brigham Young

Too many people
overvalue what they
are not and undervalue
what they are.

~Malcolm S. Forbes

Today I bent the truth to
be kind, and I have no
regret, for I am far surer
of what is kind than I am
of what is true.

~Robert Brault

Kindness is in our
power, even when
fondness is not.

~Samuel Johnson

When I was young, I
admired clever people.
Now that I am old, I
admire kind people.

~Abraham Joshua Heschel

You can't live a perfect
day without doing
something for someone
who will never be able
to repay you.

~John Wooden

By swallowing evil
words unsaid, no one
has ever harmed his
stomach.

~Winston Churchill

We have two ears and
one mouth so that we
can listen twice as
much as we speak.

~Epictetus

Beginning today, treat everyone you meet as if they were going to be dead by midnight. Extend to them all the care, kindness and understanding you can muster, and do it with no thought of any reward. Your life will never be the same again.

~ Og Mandino

Nobody can make
you feel inferior
without your
consent.

~ Eleanor Roosevelt

A successful person is
one who can lay a firm
foundation with the
bricks that others throw
at him or her.

~ David Brinkley

It ain't what they
call you; it's what
you answer to.
~ W.C. Fields

If you hear a voice
within you say "you
cannot paint," then by
all means paint, and that
voice will be silenced.

~Vincent Van Gogh

Confidence comes not
from always being
right but from not
fearing to be wrong.

~Peter T. McIntyre

Aerodynamically the
bumblebee shouldn't be able
to fly, but the bumblebee
doesn't know that so it goes
on flying anyway.

~Mary Kay Ash

What lies behind us and
what lies before us are
tiny matters compared to
what lies within us.

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

The things we hate
about ourselves aren't
more real than things we
like about ourselves.

~ Ellen Goodman

You're never as good as
everyone tells you when
you win, and you're never
as bad as they say when
you lose.

~Lou Holtz and John Heisler

It's a poor sort of
memory that only
works backward.

~ Lewis Carroll (Alice in Wonderland)

If everybody minded
their own business, the
world would go around
a great deal faster than it
does.

~ Lewis Carroll (Alice in Wonderland)

Begin at the
beginning and go on
till you come to the
end: then stop.

~ Lewis Carroll (Alice in Wonderland)

If I had a world of my own,
everything would be nonsense.
Nothing would be what it is,
because everything would be
what it isn't. And contrary wise,
what is, it wouldn't be. And what
it wouldn't be, it would. You see?

~ Lewis Carroll (Alice in Wonderland)

Read the directions
and directly you will
be directed in the
right direction.

~ Lewis Carroll (Alice in Wonderland)

There's a large mustard-
mine near here. And the
moral of that is — The
more there is of mine,
the less there is of yours.

~ Lewis Carroll (Alice in Wonderland)

"Contrariwise," continued
Tweedleddee, "if it was so,
it might be; and if it were
so, it would be; but as it
isn't, it ain't. That's logic."

~ Lewis Carroll (Through the Looking Glass: And What Alice Found There)

"You know," he added
gravely, "it's one of the most
serious things that can
possibly happen to one in a
battle -- to get one's head
cut off."

~ Lewis Carroll (Through the Looking Glass: And What Alice Found There)

"Heavier-than-air
flying machines are
impossible."

~ Lord Kelvin, British mathematician, physicist, about 1895.

Thinking is the hardest
work there is, which is
probably the reason why
so few engage in it.

~ Henry Ford

Even if you are on the
right track, if you sit
there long enough, you
will get run over.

~ Author Unknown

Generally speaking, the
great achieve their
greatness by industry
rather than by brilliance.

~ Bruce Barton

It's always the
right time to do
what is right.

~ Dr. M. L. King Jr.

Victories that are cheap
are cheap. Those only
are worth having which
come as a result of hard
fighting.

~ Henry Ward Beecher

Ninety percent of the
work done in this
country is done by
people who don't feel
well.

~ Theodore Roosevelt

A gem is not polished
without friction, nor a
person perfected
without trials.
~ Chinese proverb

Be not afraid of going
slowly. Be afraid of
standing still.

~ Japanese proverb

Being frustrated is
disagreeable, but the
real disasters in life
begin when you get
what you want.

~ Irving Kristol

The quality of a person's life
is in direct proportion to
their commitment to
excellence, regardless of
their chosen field of
endeavor.

~ Vince Lombardi

The trouble with
being a good sport is
that you have to lose
in order to prove it.
~ Author Unknown

The roots of
education are bitter,
but the fruit is
sweet.

~Aristotle

Anyone who thinks
the art of conversation
is dead ought to tell a
child to go to bed.

~Robert Gallagher

I have never let my
schooling interfere
with my education.

~Mark Twain

Education is what
remains after one has
forgotten what one
has learned in school.
~Albert Einstein

Obstacles are those
frightful things you see
when you take your
eyes off your goal.
~Henry Ford

One half of knowing
what you want is
knowing what you must
give up before you get it.
~Sidney Howard

Goals are dreams with deadlines.

~Diana Scharf Hunt

Don't say you don't have enough time. You have exactly the same number of hours per day that were given to Helen Keller, Pasteur, Michelangelo, Mother Teresa, Leonardo da Vinci, Thomas Jefferson, and Albert Einstein.

~Life's Little Instruction Book, compiled by H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

Sometimes the path
you're on is not as
important as the
direction you're heading.
~Kevin Smith

Many are stubborn in
pursuit of the path they
have chosen, few in
pursuit of the goal.

~Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche

Vision without action
is a daydream. Action
without vision is a
nightmare.
~Japanese Proverb

Putting off an easy
thing makes it hard.
Putting off a hard thing
makes it impossible.

~George Claude Lorimer

Procrastination is the thief of time.

~Edward Young

If you tell the truth
you don't have to
remember anything.
~Mark Twain

Who lies for you
will lie against
you.

~Bosnian Proverb

A half truth is a
whole lie.

~Yiddish Proverb

The hardest tumble a
man can make is to fall
over his own bluff.

~Ambrose Bierce

Men occasionally stumble
over the truth, but most of
them pick themselves up
and hurry off as if nothing
had happened.
~Winston Churchill

There's one way to find
out if a man is honest -
ask him. If he says,
"Yes," you know he is a
crook.

~Groucho Marx

I am different from
Washington; I have a higher,
grander standard of
principle. Washington could
not lie. I can lie, but I
won't.

~Mark Twain

The goodness of the
true pun is in the
direct ratio of its
intolerability.

~Edgar Allan Poe

Tell a man there are 300
billion stars in the universe
and he'll believe you. Tell
him a bench has wet paint on
it and he'll have to touch it to
be sure.

~Murphy's Law

How is it that our memory is
good enough to retain the least
triviality that happens to us,
and yet not good enough to
recollect how often we have
told it to the same person?

~François Duc de La Rochefoucauld

How is it one careless
match can start a forest
fire, but it takes a whole
box to start a campfire?

~Author Unknown

Admiration is a very
short-lived passion that
immediately decays
upon growing familiar
with its object.

~Joseph Addison, The Spectator

Nothing is as frustrating
as arguing with
someone who knows
what he's talking about.
~Sam Ewing

How can I control
my life when I
can't control my
hair?

~Author Unknown

If in the last few years
you haven't discarded a
major opinion or acquired
a new one, check your
pulse. You may be dead.

~ Gelett Burgess

Not until we are lost
do we begin to
understand ourselves.

~Henry David Thoreau

There is nothing like
returning to a place that
remains unchanged to find
the ways in which you
yourself have altered.

~Nelson Mandela

Those who are
brutally honest are
seldom so with
themselves.

~Mignon McLaughlin

"Know thyself?" If I
knew myself, I'd run
away.

~Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

They must often
change, who would
be constant in
happiness or wisdom.
~Confucius

Men may scoff, and
men may pray, but they
pay every pleasure
with a pain.

~William Henley

No pleasure
endures unseasoned
by variety.
~Publilius Syrus

The hero is
commonly the
simplest and
obscurest of men.

~Henry David Thoreau

Better a thousand
times careful than
once dead.

~Proverb

We can be
knowledgeable with
other men's knowledge,
but we cannot be wise
with other men's wisdom.

~Michel de Montaigne

It is easier to find a score of
men wise enough to discover
the truth than to find one
intrepid enough, in the face of
opposition, to stand up for it.

~A.A. Hodge

Wisdom is the quality
that keeps you from
getting into situations
where you need it.
~Doug Larson

Fathers send their sons
to college either because
they went to college or
they didn't.
~L.L. Hendren

Amateurs compete
against each other,
professionals compete
against themselves.

~ Lee Travino

Everything that can be invented has been invented.

~ Charles H. Duell, Commissioner, U.S. Office of Patents, 1899.

Patience is something
you admire in the
driver behind you and
scorn in the one ahead.
~Mac McCleary

Vegetables are a must
on a diet. I suggest
carrot cake, zucchini
bread, and pumpkin pie.
~Jim Davis

As for butter versus
margarine, I trust
cows more than
chemists.
~Joan Gussow

Striving for excellence
motivates you;
striving for perfection
is demoralizing.

~Harriet Braiker

Better a diamond
with a flaw than a
pebble without.

~Confucius

They say that nobody is
perfect. Then they tell
you practice makes
perfect. I wish they'd
make up their minds.

~Wilt Chamberlain

Most people are
awaiting virtual
reality; I'm awaiting
virtuous reality.

~Eli Khamarov, "Lives of the Cognoscenti"

The trouble with the
rat race is that even
if you win, you're
still a rat.

~Lilly Tomlin

A people that values
its privileges above
its principles soon
loses both.

~Dwight D. Eisenhower

Yes, I am positive that one of
the great curatives of our evils,
our maladies, social, moral, and
intellectual, would be a return
to the soil, a rehabilitation of
the work of the fields.

~Charles Wagner

The only sure
thing about luck is
that it will change.

~Wilson Mizner

It's hard to detect
good luck - it looks so
much like something
you've earned.

~Frank A. Clark

Luck has a peculiar
habit of favoring
those who don't
depend on it.

~Author Unknown

Let us be of good cheer,
remembering that the
misfortunes hardest to
bear are those which
will never happen.

~James Russel Lowell

Worry never robs
tomorrow of its
sorrow, it only saps
today of its joy.

~Leo Buscaglia

Any concern too small
to be turned into a
prayer is too small to
be made into a burden.

~Corrie ten Boom

If you see ten troubles
coming down the road,
you can be sure that nine
will run into the ditch
before they reach you.

~Calvin Coolidge

Rule number one is,
don't sweat the small
stuff. Rule number two
is, it's all small stuff.

~Robert Eliot

Wherever you go,
go with all your
heart.

~Confucius

Don't live down to
expectations. Go out
there and do
something remarkable.
~Wendy Wasserstein

If opportunity
doesn't knock,
build a door.

~Milton Berle

Time you
enjoyed wasting
was not wasted.

~John Lennon

It is not the
mountain we
conquer but
ourselves.

~Edmund Hillary

The best helping hand
that you will ever
receive is the one at the
end of your own arm.

~Fred Dehner

You have to expect
things of yourself
before you can do
them.

~Michael Jordan

If we all did the things
we are capable of
doing, we would
literally astound
ourselves.

~Thomas Alva Edison

Opportunity is missed
by most people because
it is dressed in overalls
and looks like work.

~Thomas Edison

Our greatest glory is
not in never failing,
but in rising up every
time we fail.

~Ralph Waldo Emerson

Your work is to
discover your world
and then with all your
heart give yourself to it.
~Buddha

The years teach much
which the days never
knew.

~Ralph Waldo Emerson

I'd rather entrust the
government of the United
States to the first 400 people
listed in the Boston telephone
directory than to the faculty
of Harvard University.

~William F. Buckley

The American Republic
will endure until the day
Congress discovers that
it can bribe the public
with the public's money.

~Alexis de Tocqueville

I have a dream that my four
little children will one day live
in a nation where they will not
be judged by the color of their
skin but by the content of their
character.

~Martin Luther King

If a nation values anything
more than freedom, it will
lose its freedom; and the irony
of it is that if it is comfort or
money that it values more, it
will lose that, too.

~Somerset Maugham

The nine most terrifying
words in the English
language are, I'm from
the government and I'm
here to help.

~Ronald Reagan

Speak softly and
carry a big stick,
and you will go far.

~Teddy Roosevelt

Watch your thoughts, for they
become words. Watch your words,
for they become actions. Watch your
actions, for they become habits.
Watch your habits, for they become
character. Watch your character, for
it becomes your destiny.

~Unknown Author

Avoid popularity if
you would have
peace.
~Abraham Lincoln

Be sure you put
your feet in the right
place, then stand
firm.

~Abraham Lincoln

Better to remain silent
and be thought a fool
than to speak out and
remove all doubt.

~Abraham Lincoln

Everybody likes
a compliment.
~Abraham Lincoln

Give me six hours to
chop down a tree and I
will spend the first four
sharpening the axe.

~Abraham Lincoln

How many legs does a
dog have if you call the
tail a leg? Four. Calling
a tail a leg doesn't make
it a leg.

~Abraham Lincoln

I do not think much
of a man who is not
wiser today than he
was yesterday.

~Abraham Lincoln

I like to see a man proud
of the place in which he
lives. I like to see a man
live so that his place will
be proud of him.

~Abraham Lincoln

A fool thinks himself
to be wise, but a wise
man knows himself
to be a fool.

~William Shakespeare

All the world's a stage, and all
the men and women merely
players: they have their exits
and their entrances; and one
man in his time plays many
parts, his acts being seven ages.

~William Shakespeare

Be not afraid of greatness:
some are born great, some
achieve greatness, and
some have greatness
thrust upon them.

~ William Shakespeare

"Be the change
you wish to see in
the world"

~ Mahatma Gandhi

"Perseverance can
tip the scale from
failure to success."

~ Unknown

Better three hours
too soon than a
minute too late.

~William Shakespeare

An injured friend is
the bitterest of foes.

~Thomas Jefferson

Be kind whenever
possible. It is
always possible.

~Dalai Lama

If you can, help
others; if you cannot
do that, at least do
not harm them.

~Dalai Lama

Sometimes one creates a
dynamic impression by
saying something, and
sometimes one creates as
significant an impression by
remaining silent.

~Dalai Lama

The easiest way
to keep a secret
is without help.

~Author Unknown

Learning is not attained
by chance, it must be
sought for with ardor
and attended to with
diligence.

~Abigail Adams

You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you stop to look fear in the face. You are able to say to yourself, 'I lived through this horror; I can take the next thing that comes along.' You must do the thing you think you cannot do.

~Eleanor Roosevelt

Injustice anywhere
is a threat to justice
everywhere.

~Martin Luther King

The true measure of a
man is how he treats
someone who can do
him absolutely no good.

~Ann Landers

It is the job that is
never started that
takes the longest to
finish.

~J.R.R. Tolkien

All we have to
decide is what to do
with the time that is
given to us.

~J.R.R. Tolkien

Many of life's failures
are people who did not
realize how close they
were to success when
they gave up.

~Thomas A. Edison

A great man is
always willing to
be little.

~Ralph Waldo Emerson

A man is usually
more careful of his
money than he is of
his principles.

~Ralph Waldo Emerson

The future is something
which everyone reaches
at the rate of 60 minutes
an hour, whatever he
does, whoever he is.

~C. S. Lewis

With the possible
exception of the
equator, everything
begins somewhere.

~C. S. Lewis

You'll never plow a
field by turning it
over in your mind.

~Irish Proverb

Plow your own
fields and rear
your own children.

~Chinese Proverb

A determined soul will do
more with a rusty monkey
wrench than a loafer will
accomplish with all the
tools in a machine shop.

~Robert Hughes

Earth, teach me
regeneration as the
seed which rises in
the spring.

~William Alexander

If I had my life to live
over, I would start
barefoot earlier in the
spring and stay that way
later in the fall.

~Nadine Star

I just happen to think
that we need to be a
little like the farmer,
who puts back into the
soil what he takes out.

~Paul Newman

Then plough deep
while sluggards sleep
and you shall have
corn to sell and keep.
~Benjamin Franklin

Dogs have a way of
finding the people who
need them, and filling
an emptiness we don't
even know we have.

~Thom Jones

An honest answer is
the sign of true
friendship.

~Proverbs 24:26

Education is not the
filling of a pail but
the lighting of a fire.
~William Butler Yeats

If you want children to
keep their feet on the
ground, put some
responsibility on their
shoulders.

~Abigail Van Buren

The road to
success is always
under construction.

~Lily Tomlin

Your work should
be in praise of
what you love.
~Ralph Waldo Emerson

Reading without
reflecting is like
eating without
digesting.

~Edmund Burke

Let's stop admiring
the problem and
move on.

~Anita Voelker

I am only one, but still I am
one. I cannot do everything,
but still I can do something;
and because I cannot do
everything I will not refuse to
do the something that I can do.

~Edward Everett Hale

This is your life
and it's ending one
minute at a time.

~Chuck Palahniuk (*Fight Club*)

LIST OF VALUES AND CHARACTER EDUCATION ADOPTED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AUGUST 1997

Values and character education development usually occurs over a number of years and within a number of environments. Since family members are the first individuals with whom one comes into contact, the influence of the family continues to be extremely important to a child's character and values development. This fact is particularly appropriate in the preschools and early school years. As students progress through public schools, it is important that their education provide instructional opportunities, explicit and implicit, that help them develop their beliefs about what is right and good. The following definitions are intended to guide schools in providing the basis for the teaching of values and character education in the public schools.

Values: hold in high esteem; regard highly **Values Concepts:** ideas, beliefs or understandings one has that guide and are reflected in one's behavior **Values Education:** the process of providing opportunities for the continuous development in all students of the knowledge, skills and attitudes related to certain values which lead to behavior exhibiting those values **Character:** attributes or features that make up and distinguish the individual; the complex of mental and ethical traits making a person, group or nation **Character Concepts:** actions, attitudes and practice that characterize a person. Acting honorably under all circumstances, even when it is to the disadvantage of the self **Character Education:** the process by which positive personality traits are developed, encouraged and reinforced through example, study (history and biography of the great and good) and practice (emulation of what has been observed and learned) The State Board of Education believes that there is a core list of values and character education concepts that should be taught in Georgia's schools. The following list has been adopted by the State Board of Education to be implemented in Georgia's schools.

<u>CHARACTER CURRICULUM</u>			
accomplishment cheerfulness citizenship cleanliness commitment compassion cooperation courage courtesy creativity democracy dependability diligence equality		fairness frugality generosity honesty honor kindness knowledge loyalty moderation patience patriotism perseverance productivity punctuality	respect for authority respect for others respect for the creator respect for environment respect for health school pride self-control self-respect sportsmanship trustworthiness truthfulness tolerance virtue

CITIZENSHIP

Democracy: government of, by and for the people, exercised through the voting process

Respect for and acceptance of authority: the need for and primacy of authority, including the law, in given circumstances

Equality: the right and opportunity to develop one's potential as a human being

Freedom of conscience and expression: the right to hold beliefs, whether religious, ethical or political, and to express one's views

Justice: equal and impartial treatment under the law

Liberty: freedom from oppression, tyranny or the domination of government

Tolerance: the allowable deviation from a standard. Indulgence for beliefs or practices differing from or conflicting with one's own

Patriotism: support of the U. S. Constitution and love for the United States of America with zealous guarding of their authority and interests.

Courage: willingness to face danger with determination

Loyalty: steadfastness or faithfulness to a person, institution, custom or idea to which one is tied by duty, pledge or a promise

Honor: a keen sense of ethical conduct one's word given as a guarantee of performance

Respect for the Natural Environment: care for and conservation of land, trees, clean air and pure water and of all living inhabitants of the earth

Conservation: avoiding waste and pollution of natural resources

Respect for the creator: our most basic freedoms and rights are not granted to us from the government but they are intrinsically ours; i.e., the Constitution does not grant Americans the right of freedom of speech, it simply recognizes that each of us is born with that right. This is to say that the founders of the republic recognized a higher authority, a power greater than themselves that endowed every human being with certain unalienable rights that no government or legal document could ever revoke or take away. In the Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson names this life form that permeates the universe and from which our unalienable rights stem the "creator, "nature's God", and the 'supreme judge of the world'. If we are to respect life, the natural rights of all people and the authority which the founders based their legal opinions on concerning our separation from Great Britain then there must be a respect for that creator from which all our rights flow. This cannot be interpreted as a promotion of religion or even as a promotion of the belief in a personal God, but only as an acknowledgment that the intrinsic worth of every individual derives from no government, person or group of persons, but is something that each of us is born with and which no thing and no one can ever deprive us of.

RESPECT FOR OTHERS

Altruism: concern for and motivation to act for the welfare of others

Civility and cheerfulness: courtesy and politeness in action or speech

Compassion, kindness and generosity: concern for suffering or distress of others and response to their feelings and needs

Courtesy and cooperation: recognition of mutual interdependence with others resulting in polite treatment and respect for them

Integrity: confirmed virtue and uprightness of character, freedom from hypocrisy

Honesty: truthfulness and sincerity

Truth: freedom from deceit or falseness; based on fact or reality

Trustworthiness: worthy of confidence

Fairness and good sportsmanship: freedom from favoritism, self-interest or indulgence of one's likes and dislikes; abiding by the rules of a contest and accepts victory or defeat graciously

Patience: not being hasty or impetuous

RESPECT FOR SELF

Accountability: responsibility for one's actions and their consequences

Commitment: being emotionally, physically or intellectually bound to something

Perseverance and diligence: adherence to actions and their consequences

Self control and virtue: exercising authority over one's emotions and actions

Frugality: effective use of resources; thrift

Self-Esteem: pride and belief in oneself and in achievement of one's potential

Knowledge: learning, understanding, awareness

Moderation: avoidance of unreasonably extreme views or measures

Respect for physical, mental and fiscal health: awareness of the importance of and conscious activity toward maintaining fitness in these areas

Cleanliness: good habits of personal hygiene and grooming

Work Ethic: belief that work is good and that everyone who can, should work

Punctuality: being on time for attendance and tasks

Accomplishment: appreciation for completing a task

Cooperation: working with others for mutual benefit

Dependability: reliability; trustworthiness

Diligence: attentiveness; persistence; perseverance

Pride: dignity; self-respect; doing one's best

Productivity: supporting one's self, contributing to society

Creativity: exhibiting an entrepreneurial spirit inventiveness; originality; not bound by the norm

School pride: playing a contributing role in maintaining and improving all aspects of a school's environment, programs and activities within the context of contributing to the betterment of the city, county and state.

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