

# Top 21 Values

## Accountability

- ❖ admit when you make a mistake
- ❖ don't make excuses or blame others for your mistakes

## Attitude

- ❖ show enthusiasm
- ❖ don't complain
- ❖ challenge yourself to do better
- ❖ be cheerful and wear a smile
- ❖ encourage others
- ❖ don't ask "Do I *have* to?"
- ❖ be prepared to learn new things
- ❖ be positive in speech and action

## Compassion

- ❖ be patient
- ❖ think beyond yourself and be willing to help others

## Courage

- ❖ stand up for someone if another child is picking on them
- ❖ choose to do the right thing even if others don't

## Courtesy

- ❖ be polite with everyone at all times
- ❖ use good manners
  - don't talk with your mouth full
  - do not throw or play with your food
  - use "please", "thank you", "excuse me", and "I'm sorry"
- ❖ be attentive, listen and watch the leader
- ❖ hold doors, acknowledge visitors with a greeting, eye contact, and a smile
- ❖ do not talk or raise your hand when someone is speaking
- ❖ be patient when supplies are being passed out
- ❖ do not walk between two people who are talking
- ❖ mind your own business
- ❖ keep your hands and feet to yourself

## Effort

- ❖ do your best at all times
- ❖ challenge your limits
- ❖ ask questions when you don't understand

## Gratitude

- ❖ be appreciative of what you have rather than wishing for more
- ❖ say "Thank You" to your teachers as you leave class

## Honesty

- ❖ tell the truth
- ❖ tell the teacher right away if you have not completed your homework
- ❖ follow the rules even if a teacher isn't watching
- ❖ don't exaggerate
- ❖ keep your eyes on your own paper
- ❖ do your own work
- ❖ behave properly even if no one is watching
- ❖ don't borrow others' things without permission
- ❖ choose even teams
- ❖ be truthful when making calls on the sports field
- ❖ get out when you are tagged
- ❖ answer questions directly and completely

## Humility

- ❖ be gracious when receiving a compliment
- ❖ look for opportunities to compliment others on their achievements
- ❖ avoid asking people about their scores and grades
- ❖ don't brag about your strengths or talents
- ❖ don't say things are "easy"

## Initiative

- ❖ look for ways to be helpful
- ❖ set a good example
- ❖ make good use of your time
- ❖ pick up lost & found items
- ❖ offer to help
- ❖ help put chairs, materials, and sports equipment away
- ❖ throw trash away even if it's not yours

## Integrity

- ❖ be honest in everything you do

## Kindness

- ❖ do unto others as you would have them do unto you
- ❖ compliment others
- ❖ never make fun of anyone
- ❖ apologize if you hurt someone
- ❖ include everyone who wants to participate
- ❖ never whisper or roll your eyes at someone
- ❖ do not save places
- ❖ be willing to sit with anyone
- ❖ stop playing when someone is injured and offer to help
- ❖ be considerate of our custodian by helping to keep all areas of our school clean
- ❖ do not gossip
- ❖ give an encouraging word and smile to someone who needs it

## Loyalty

- ❖ be and do your best for Evans
- ❖ always speak positively of your family, friends, teachers, and school
- ❖ sing school and patriotic songs with sincere enthusiasm
- ❖ wear your uniform with pride
- ❖ cheer for your team regardless of the score

## Patriotism

- ❖ stand at attention with your eyes on the flag when saying "The Pledge of Allegiance"
- ❖ obey the flag code
  - never let the flag touch the ground or anything beneath it
  - never dip the flag to a person or thing
  - when a flag is too tattered to represent the united states, it should be properly retired
  - the flag should always be permitted to fall freely
- ❖ be loyal to your country and always speak positively of her
- ❖ show the utmost respect to our military who provide our freedom
- ❖ sing patriotic songs with sincerity
  - do not make parodies to patriotic songs

## Perseverance

- ❖ don't give up because something is difficult
- ❖ complete assignments and projects
- ❖ be willing to practice

## Respect

- ❖ use clean language at all times
- ❖ make eye contact with the leader
- ❖ sit up, be attentive, and remain quiet during songs or speeches
- ❖ bow your head and stand or sit quietly during prayers and pledge
- ❖ refrain from writing on tables, books, walls, etc.
- ❖ do not break pencils, rulers, or supplies
- ❖ help keep the campus tidy at all times
- ❖ cooperate with leaders
- ❖ stop playing right away when the whistle blows

## Responsibility

- ❖ be someone others can depend on
- ❖ do what you say you are going to do

## Reverence

- ❖ exhibit respectful behavior during programs and assemblies

## Sincerity

- ❖ behave in the same way with all people at all times
- ❖ be truthful with your compliments and apologies
- ❖ sing and pray from your heart

## Sportsmanship

- ❖ be a good loser and a good winner
- ❖ honor the coach's calls without arguing
- ❖ don't brag or show off
- ❖ cheer for the other team
- ❖ don't complain or pout
- ❖ accept compliments modestly
- ❖ congratulate winners
- ❖ don't tattle
- ❖ enjoy the game for the sport of it

## Unselfishness

- ❖ don't insist on being first to recite, first in line, or first to receive materials
- ❖ participate willingly
- ❖ be helpful
- ❖ when treats are passed, take the closest, not the largest
- ❖ share materials, equipment, positions, roles