

"THE WARRIOR WAY"

Our school promotes the Character Counts initiative of our school district: The mission statement reads: "The St. Johns County School District will inspire good character and a passion for lifelong learning in all students, creating educated and caring contributors to the world." The school's motto embodies the character education principles. Character traits are defined as the individual qualities or attributes that make up a person's overall character. These traits can be physical, emotional, mental, or moral. President Theodore Roosevelt once said, "To educate a person in mind and not in morals is to educate a menace to society."

OUR MISSION, VISION, AND MOTTO

WCE Vision Statement: To build and sustain a culture that provides a safe environment where all stakeholders collaborate to ensure growth and achievement for ALL.

WCE Mission Statement: At WCES, we ensure Achievement, Learning, and Leadership for ALL.

WCE School Motto: "Shine your Light for All

OUR CORE VALUES

We believe that:

The Character Counts Pillars of Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship are essential qualities to model and instill in our students.

All individuals are valuable and can make meaningful contributions.

Hard work, determination, and perseverance lead to success.

CHARACTER PLEDGE

I pledge to be a Warrior Kid of Character. I pledge to work hard to earn the respect of my teachers and classmates and follow the Core Values;

I will <u>Be a Leader</u>. I will <u>Have Integrity</u>. I will <u>Believe in a Growth Mindset</u>. I will <u>Grow my Heart.</u> I will <u>Work as a Team.</u>

I pledge to be the best I can be in my actions and my attitude. I *will* be a Warrior Kid of Character!

Concise wording for behavioral and character expectations that aligned with the WCE mission statement and core values.

L.I.G.H.T is an acronym that stands for:

Leadership Integrity Growth Mindset Heart Team

These core values are associated with good behavior attributes. L.I.G.H.T core values and good behaviors are as follows:

Core Values	Good Behaviors
\mathbf{L} – Leadership	- Being responsible
-	- Displaying courage
	- Having positive energy
	- Being your personal best
I – Integrity	- Being trustworthy
	- Doing what is right even if it's hard
	- Having values
	- Finding your voice
G – Growth Mindset	- Believing in the power of "yet"
	- Putting forth your best effort
	- Having perseverance
	- Accepting challenges to improve
\mathbf{H} – Heart	- Being respectful
	- Being caring
	- Positive thinking, feelings, and
	behaviors
	- Being willing to help
T – Team	- Being fair
	- Displaying citizenship
	- Together everyone achieves more