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Monthly Character e-Bulletin

Building Communities of Character

Responsibility (vs. UNRELIABILITY)

Responsibility means “knowing and doing what is appropriately expected of me”. In today’s changing society, there are less and less checks and balances of accountability for our actions. This change requires each of us to be more conscientious and reliable as neighbors, students, parents, co-workers, business owners and/or managers, and community leaders. It requires us to be more responsible for our own actions.

We are all ultimately responsible for the choices and decisions we make on a daily basis. We are not, however, responsible for other people’s actions and have to sometimes be careful to not take on responsibilities that are not our own. Although, we can hold others accountable for their actions as we ourselves are held accountable.

So, this month, look around. Take note of your real responsibilities. Re-prioritize your tasks when necessary. Connect with others as accountability partners to support you in areas where you need it. Be dependable when it comes to accomplishing your duties and do what you know is right to do.

As responsible people we should obey traffic laws; submit to the authorities over us; don’t make excuses; and admit to mistakes we make as being our own.

Here are some questions we can ask to see how well we rate in the area of responsibility.... :

Do we shift blame to others?

Do we make excuses for our inappropriate actions or words?

Are we lackadaisical in our approach to doing what we know is right?

Visions of Character

Man must cease attributing his problems to his environment, and learn again to exercise his will - his personal responsibility.

-Albert Einstein

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Regardless of our age or position in life, we all have the choice of whether or not to act responsibly.

Success in our lives is dependent on the balance of this character trait.



This month, take our Character Pledge and Commit to:

- Keep my promises
- Not make excuses
- Do all my work to the best of my ability
- Make things right when I do wrong
- Know my duty and do my duty

The mission of Prattville-Autauga Character Coalition is to strengthen our communities by promoting excellence in character for each citizen.