Eight Expectations for Living

We will value one another as unique and special individuals.

We will not laugh or make fun of another person’s mistakes nor use sarcasm or putdowns.

We will use good manners, saying “please,” “thank you,” and “excuse me” and allow others to go first.

We will cheer each other to success.

We will help one another whenever possible.

We will recognize every effort and applaud it.

We will encourage each other to do our best.

We will practice virtuous living using the Life Principles.

The Teacher’s Creed

I am a teacher. I accept the challenge to be sagacious and tenacious in teaching every student, because I believe every student can learn.

I accept the responsibility to create a learning environment conducive to optimum achievement academically, socially, and emotionally.

I actively pursue excellence for my students and myself. I provide a model of decorum and respect that guides my students as well as honors them.

I affirm superlative expectations for my students and myself. I cherish every student. I am a teacher.

I change the world one student at a time.

C.R.O.S.S.ROADS Five Finger Choice Poem

Five fingers on my hand will help me to recall
Five steps to good choices, whether great or small.
First I set a goal, thinking it clearly through
Trying to set my mind on what I want to do
Second I look at the facts of what is happening... now
Third I seek the answers to what might work ... somehow
Fourth I pick out what is best for me right now
Finding answers for the Who? the What? the How?
Then I work very hard to put my plan together,
And Fifth is checking if I can make it any better.

Great Expectations Choices Rap

(Put lines below to a rap beat and do motion to teach choices when a conflict occurs.)

1. Take time to cool off. (fan your face)
2. Find another place (fingers walking away)
3. Share and take turns. (touch chest one hand then the other.)
4. Talk it out. (Hand motion for talking.)
5. Just Walk away. (Walk in place)
6. Ignore it. (folded arms, head turned.)
7. Just say, "Stop!". (Arm extended, hand out)
8. Apologize. (Move Fist in circle over heart)
9. Compromise. (shake hands)
10. If you are threatened or frightened, find an adult immediately. (Index finger up and down, clap and stomp one foot 3 times.)

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