

How Character Education Compares

CHARACTER EDUCATION DEFINED

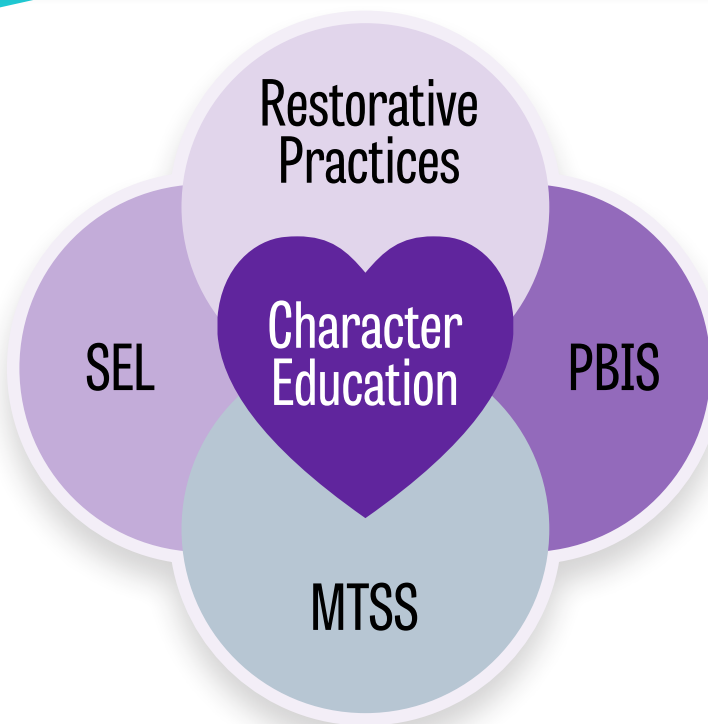
Character education includes the acquisition and strengthening of virtues to live a flourishing life and contribute to the betterment of society. Character education is modeling and teaching virtue knowledge, understanding, literacy, reasoning and formation to cultivate a thriving society through the development of confident and compassionate humans who are effective contributors to society, successful learners, moral decision makers and responsible citizens. **A focus on character education has life-long impact!**

RESTORATIVE PRACTICES

Restorative practices build on student strengths while aiming to provide students with opportunities to be accountable, responsible and empowered as they build relationships and prosocial skills during conflict resolution. **Character education enhances these concepts by helping students form these and other values for not only conflict resolution but good decision-making and actions throughout life.**

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Social emotional learning (SEL) involves developing specific skills related to well-being. SEL skills enable and support a young person's determination and commitment to be a person of character. **It is character strengths enacted with SEL skills that contribute to a life of flourishing in school, in relationships, in the workplace and as citizens.**



POSITIVE BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTIONS AND SUPPORTS

Positive behavioral interventions and supports (PBIS) is a tiered framework focused on culture and equity for supporting students' behavioral, academic, social, emotional and mental health aimed to improve social emotional competence, academic success and school climate. **Character education can be the foundation for PBIS and move beyond expectations, behaviors and skills to cultivate flourishing individuals and focus on who they are as a whole.**

MULTI-TIERED SYSTEM OF SUPPORTS

Multi-tiered system of supports (MTSS) is a schoolwide, proactive and tiered approach to help educators provide academic and behavioral strategies for students with various needs. **Character education is also schoolwide and differentiated for student needs, but it is focused on developing all students' character in and out of school, for life-long development.**



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