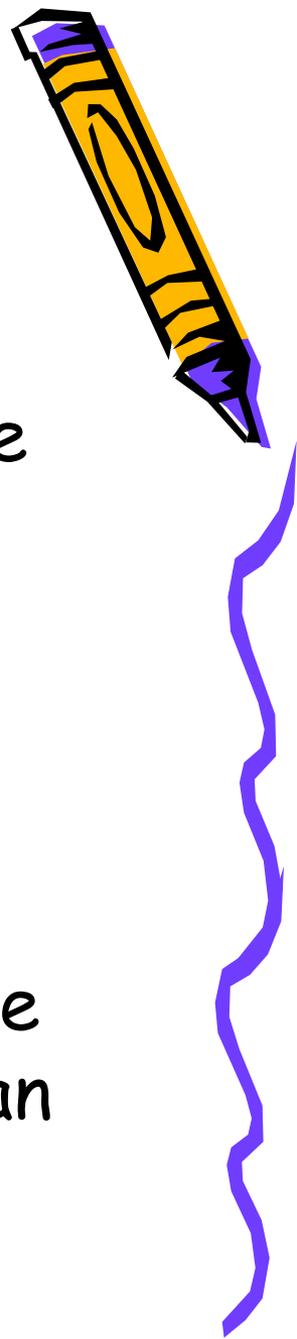


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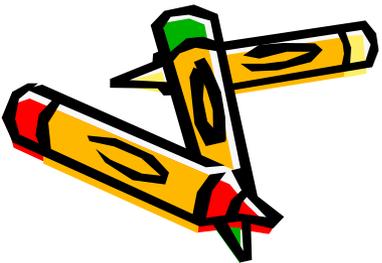


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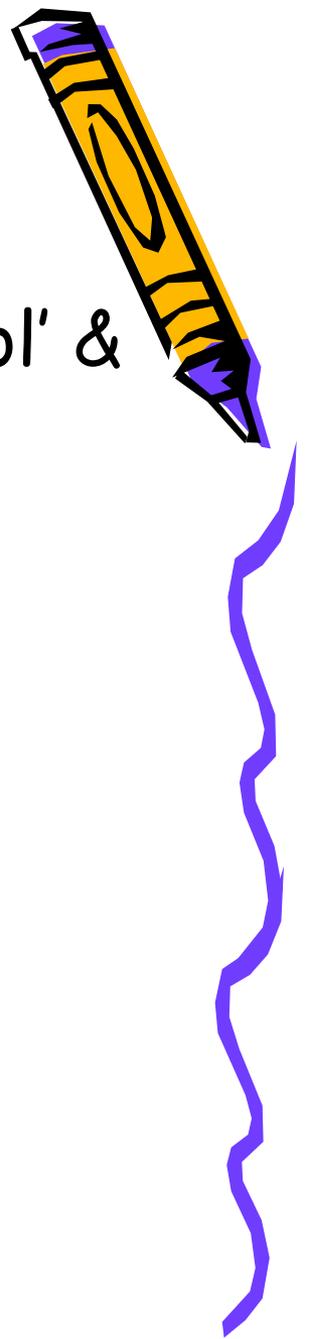
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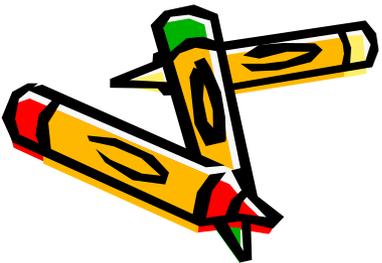
- What is the relationship between Character Development & Rigorous Academic Achievement?
- How can both be developed simultaneously?
- Should student (teacher) Happiness / Love of Learning be an accountability criteria?



# Results



- % 'Exceeds' State Expectations
- % Writing Scores in top 2 categories (71% FR Lunch School equals School with < 1% FR Lunch)
- Pre-Post 'Control' & Experimental Groups



# Overview

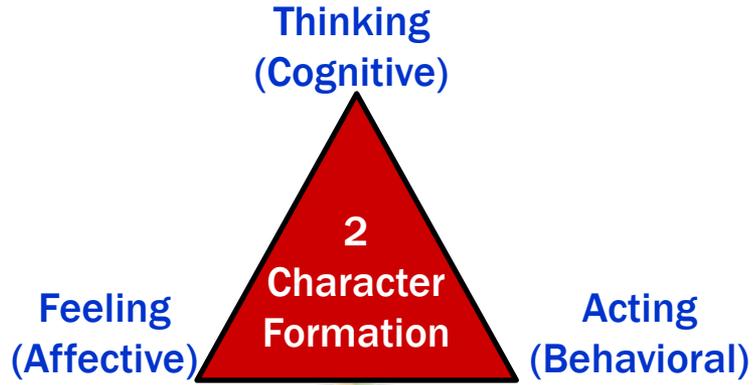


- WHAT?
- Meeting and exceeding current and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Standards
- (exactly) HOW?
- Embedding & Integrating Character Development Goals & Arts Integration Strategies into the Academic Curriculum

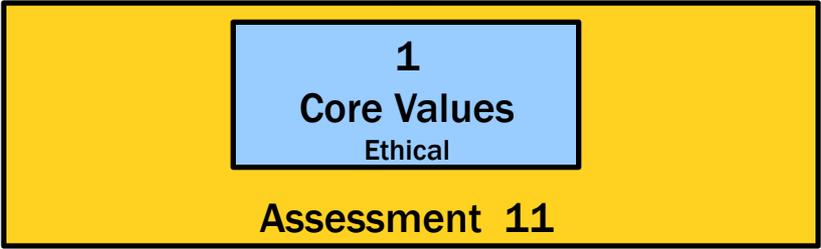




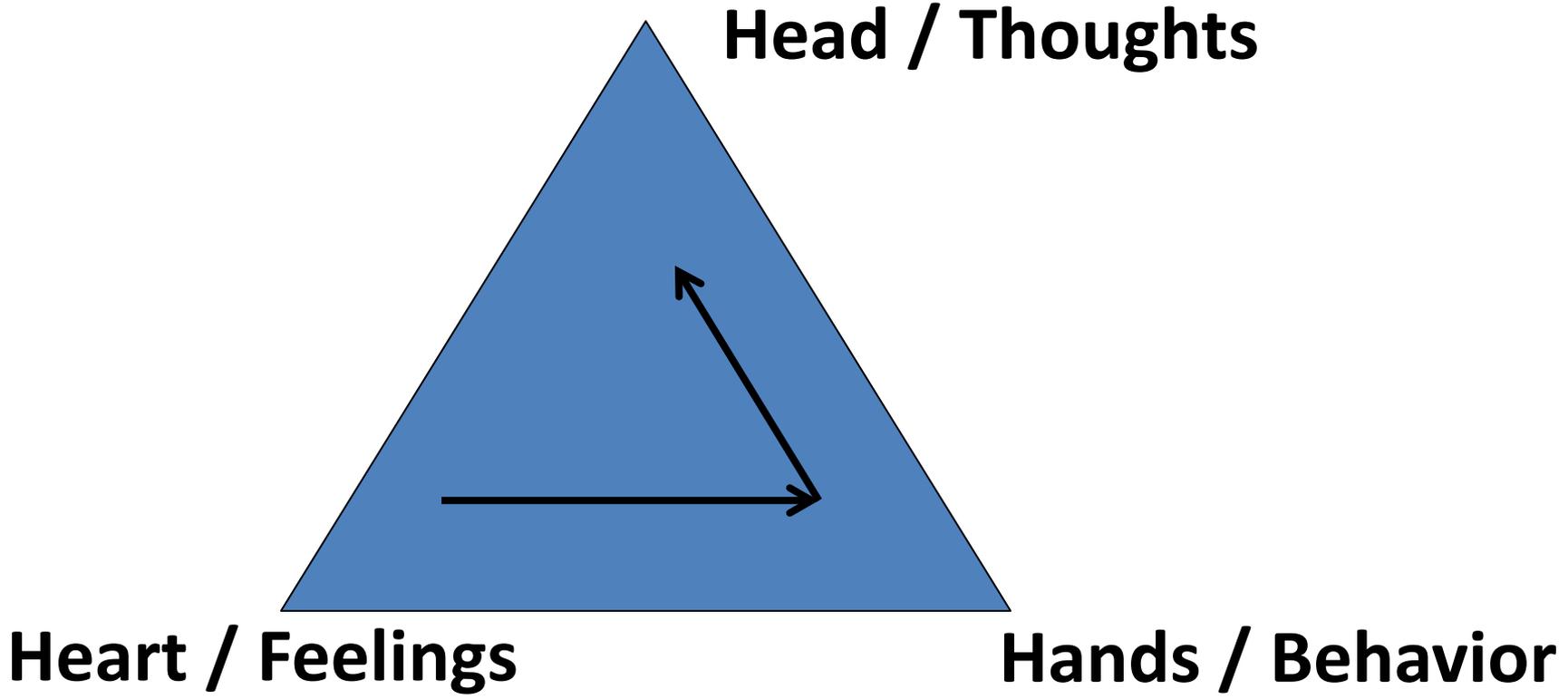
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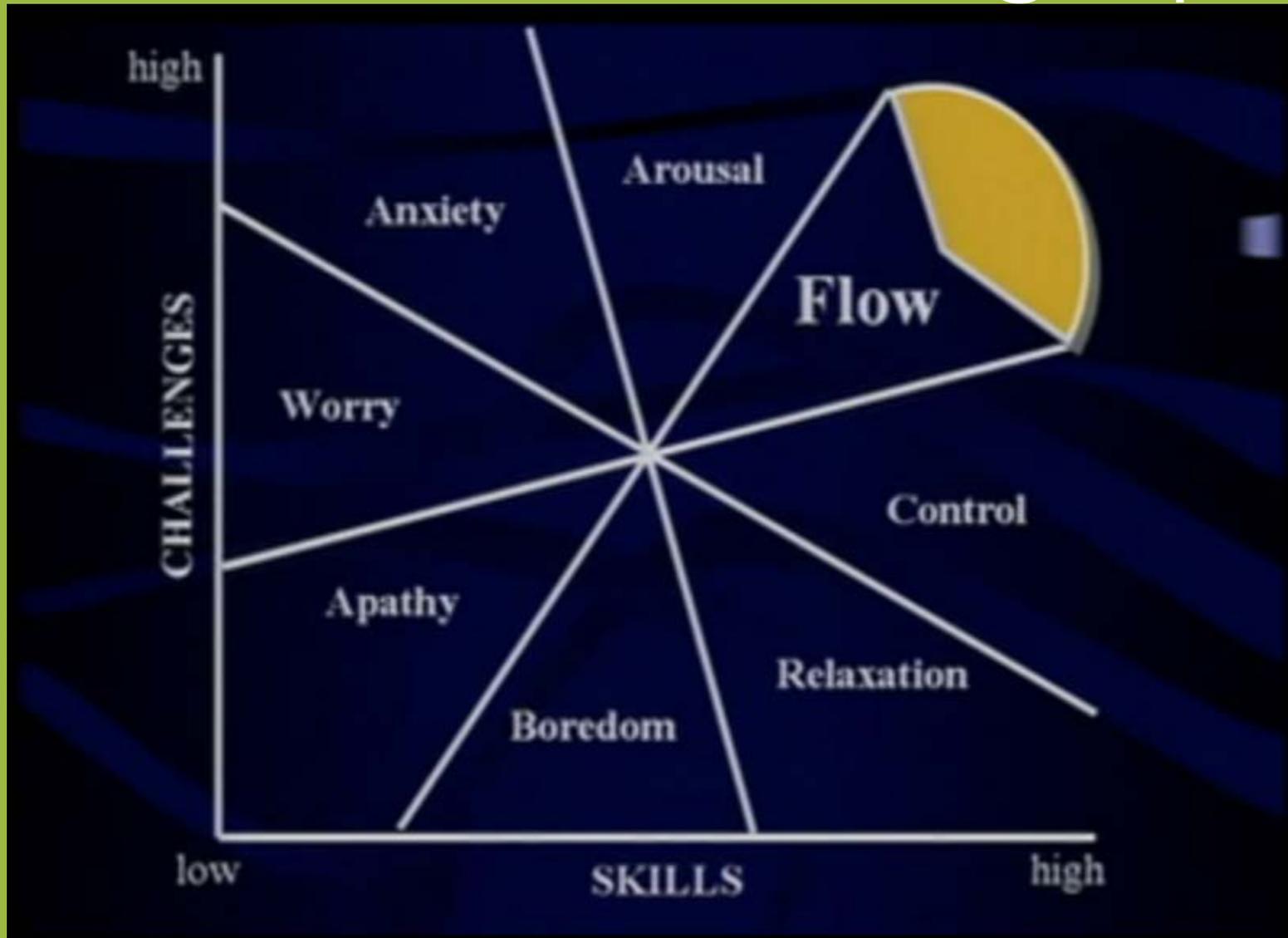
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# CEP #2 – Character Development & #6 - Academic Curriculum



# Flow / Human Paragraph



# 1 - Modeling – Teachers showing Respect -

## Building High Quality Relationships

“The relationship magnifies the effectiveness of the other strategies”

- “The Students are Watching” .....**When the Teacher Models Self-Respect and Respect for others**
  - Self-Respect
  - Respect for Students
  - Respect for other teachers
  - Respect for administration
  - Respect for parents
- **The teacher models other core, performance, and intellectual values:**
  - Core – responsibility, perspective/empathy, caring, honesty, optimism
  - Performance – effort, perseverance, quality, work ethic
  - Intellectual – Curiosity, honesty,

# SEL Through 'Mindset' (Carol Dweck)

- Fixed Mindset
- See setbacks as confirmation of lack of skill
- Emphasize outside praise and grades (could lead to cheating)
- Compete
- Change Mindset
- See setbacks as need for more effort
- Focus on the problem, not self
- Collaborate

# Georgia Month Of History and Character

It is a month to recognize those from both the past and present who are demonstrating acts of good character!



# Academic Service Learning (The Hands)

Students go to schools to teach academics & character.



# Writing & Character & Arts Integration

- Human Paragraph
- DRAMA
- Collaboration
- Rigorous Standards
- Six Panel Storyboard
- Computer Drawing

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# Synergy of Achievement and Character

## Previewing Examples of Pedagogy and Content

1 Modeling – **Teachers showing Respect - Building High Quality Relationships**

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2 Student Engagement

3 Mastery Learning

4 Academic Service Learning

5 Cooperative Learning with Respect, Responsibility

6 Arts – Understanding, Empathy, Compassion, Caring, Imagination

7 Writing

8 Reflection

Essential Questions

Dilemmas - Pinellas NSOC

Student Leadership

Simulations

Perspective Taking

Heroes in each Subject Area

Biography Study

Story Writing / Telling

Differentiated Instruction



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# Culture of Character & Culture of Continuous Improvement

- Culture - Fullest Synergy of CEP #3 -comprehensive, intentional, and proactive approach
- Transformation to Development of **Human Potential**
  - Academic, Psychological, Social, Spiritual &
  - Physical
  -
- Pinellas Oakhurst ES
  - ‘Mustang Way’
  - Dinner Dilemmas
- Hong Kong & Mainland China
  - Opportunities for Moral Action - Teaching
- Durham MS
  - ‘Wildcat Way’
  - Dilemmas / Parent Homework

# What Are The Targets?

- **Common Core Standards**
  - Traditional Basics
  - Higher
  - Clearer
  - Integrated?
- **21<sup>st</sup> Century**
- Imagination, Creative Problem Solving, Innovation
- EQ / SEL – High Quality Human Relationships

# Reflect on your example: 'Powerful Learning Experience'

Play Audio

- Give and discuss examples of 'powerful learning experiences?'
  - What did it entail?
  - What teaching methods?
  - What needs in you did the methods meet?
  - How often do you do this?
  - What are the barriers?
  - What method would you like to learn more about?
- Response Commonalities:
  - Hands –On
  - Emotional Dimension
  - Cooperative / Collaborative
  - Choice / Voice
  - Personally Interesting / Meaningful
  - Create Something
  - Generally **Engaging**

- Beland
- Essential Question:
- “What is the relationship between character education and academic success?”
- How does that relationship work (best)?
  - Reinforcing Loop vs parallel initiatives
- Fixed vs growth Mind Set / Mental Model

# Math

- Stories
  - MUSIC
  - Hip Hop Steps
  - Teaching Others

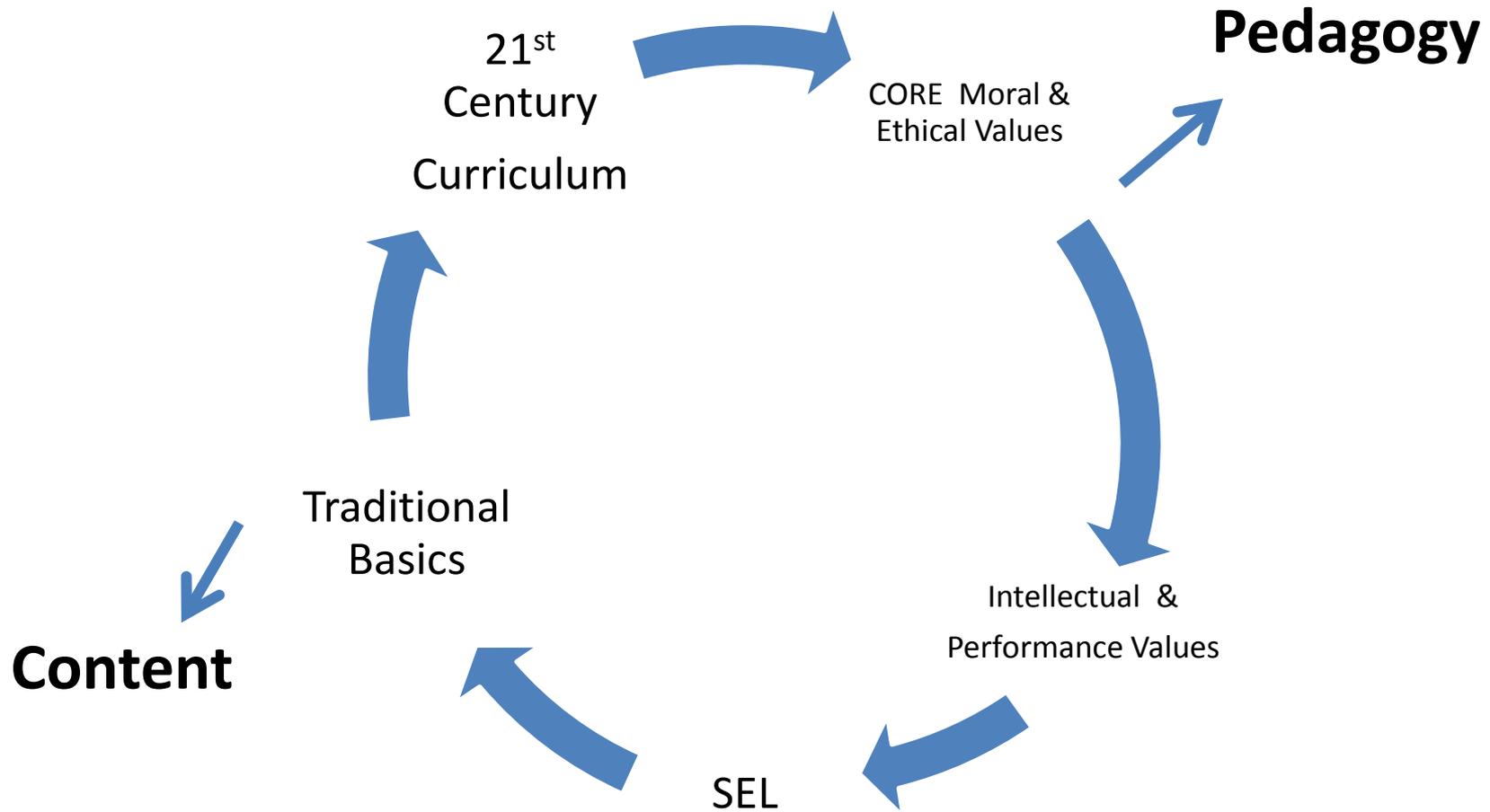
# Academic Service Learning

- Teaching Others in Atlanta
- Teaching Others in China

- Intrinsic Motivation
  - CEP Guidebook
  - PBIS / Alternatives
- Consequences Cartoon

## **Proven Best Practices for Integration and Engagement**

# Synergy of Achievement & Character



# Dilemmas

- Dinner Dilemmas
  - Pinellas County FL
- Middle School Dilemmas
  - Parent Homework

# Consider The Differences in Goals and in Methods

- **Core Moral Traits**

- Respect
- Responsibility
- Empathy
- Caring

- **Performance**

- Effort
- Perseverance
- Quality

- **Intellectual**

- Curiosity
- Open-mindedness

- **Social-Emotional Learning**

- Kansas SECD
- CASLE <http://casel.org/>
  - Self-Awareness
  - Self-Management
  - Social-Awareness
  - Relationship Skills
  - Decision-Making

# Kansas Leadership

- Kansas Systematic Plan for Professional Learning
- Kansas Social, Emotional & Character Development Model Standards

# CEP #7 – Fostering Intrinsic Motivation & #5 – Opportunities for Moral Action

- Choice & Voice
- Arts Integration – Create / Make Something / Perform

# Leadership of Integrity / Ethical Leadership

- #9 - Shared Leadership
  - Teachers / Students / Parents / Community
- Invitational Leadership
  - Trust, Respect, Optimism, Intentionality Caring
- Transformational Leadership
  - Shared Moral Values

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- Breakout #5 – 10:40-11:40 Wednesday morning Richard Nov 7
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- Focus is on the benefits of challenging academic curriculum and the inextricable relationship with character development. Here social-emotional learning skills manifested through responsible decision-making, social awareness and more, plays a supportive, but inseparable role with academic standards and goals. Illustrations of exemplary strategies for satisfying standards will bridge to the development of 21st Century and employability skills. This process is illustrated at the elementary, middle, and high schools. Explicit attention is given to the transition from extrinsic to intrinsic motivation, and the academic and character development benefits of high-levels of academic service learning.

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