

# **SOUTHERN YORK COUNTY SCHOOL OF CHARACTER**

The following School of Character expectations were implemented by Susquehannock High School.

Thus far, Southern Middle School has implemented the following character expectations (Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, and Courage) and expects to implement the other expectations shortly. Elementary schools have also implemented character education into their curriculum

## **RESPECT**

Showing high regard for authority, other people, self, and country. Treating others as you would want to be treated. Understanding that all people have value as human beings.

### **EXPECTATION 1:**

Treat yourself, others, and all property with respect

### **PROCEDURES:**

- Be a good listener-don't interrupt

- Pledge the flag and stand respectfully for the National Anthem and Alma Mater

- Treat all property with care-leave things better than you found them

- Practice good manners

  - Please and thank you

  - Appropriate language

  - Raise hand

  - Appropriate names and titles

  - Remove hat in building

- Value others' opinions-don't gossip or ridicule others

## **RESONSIBILITY**

Being accountable in word and deed. Having a sense of duty to fulfill tasks with reliability, dependability and commitment.

### **EXPECTATION 2:**

Take ownership and accept consequences for actions.

### **PROCEDURES:**

- Accept consequences for your actions without confrontation

- Plan your work, work your plan, and meet deadlines

- Plan for success-come every day and be on time.

- Make good choices-think before you speak and act.

## **PERSEVERANCE**

Pursuing worthy objectives with determination and patience while exhibiting fortitude when confronted with failure.

### **EXPECTATION 3:**

Have desire and determination to finish what you start- try, try, and try again.

## **PROCEDURES**

- Ask for help when needed
- Set goals and follow through
- Quitting is not an option

## **COMPASSION**

Showing understanding of others by treating them with kindness, caring, generosity, and a forgiving spirit.

### **EXPECTATION 4:**

Demonstrate caring and kindness

#### **PROCEDURES**

- Help and support others
- Listen with empathy
- Be aware of and tolerate individual differences
- Be a friend-do random act of kindness

## **HONESTY**

Telling the truth, admitting wrongdoing. Being trustworthy and acting with integrity.

### **EXPECTATION 5:**

Be truthful to self and others

#### **PROCEDURES**

- Do your own work
- Admit when your are wrong
- Don't lie, steal or cheat

## **COURAGE**

Doing the right thing in the face of difficulty and following your conscience instead of the crowd.

### **EXPECTATION 6:**

Stand up for what is right regardless of the risk

#### **PROCEDURES**

- Stick to your beliefs in spite of peer pressure
- Be a leader-do the right thing
- Take risks and try new things
- Defend the defenseless