



Suggested **Core Values** from moral ethicist Jonathan Haidt, Character Counts, International Center for Academic Integrity, and Institute for Global Ethics along with Definitions by Merriam-Webster.com

Caring/Compassion—*effort made to do something correctly, safely, or without causing damage, things that are done to keep someone healthy, safe, etc., things that are done to keep something in good condition, a feeling of wanting to help someone who is sick, hungry, in trouble, etc.*

Fairness—The definition must first address if fairness is being measured by (1) merit, (2) equal division, or (3) accounting for special needs. *Agreeing with what is thought to be right or acceptable, treating people in a way that does not favor some over others*

Authority—*the power to give orders or make decisions : the power or right to direct or control someone or something, the confident quality of someone who knows a lot about something or who is respected or obeyed by other people*

Loyalty—*a feeling of strong support for someone or something*

Sanctity—*the quality or state of being holy or sacred [pure]*

Liberty—*the state or condition of people who are able to act and speak freely, the power to do or choose what you want to*

Respect—*a feeling of admiring someone or something that is good, valuable, important, etc., a feeling or understanding that someone or something is important, serious, etc., and should be treated in an appropriate way*

Responsibility—*the state of being the person who caused something to happen, a duty or task that you are required or expected to do, something that you should do because it is morally right, legally required, etc.*

Integrity/Truthfulness—*the quality of being honest and fair, the state of being complete or whole/ telling the truth*

Ethical Courage--*the ability to do something [ethically] that you know is difficult or dangerous*

The Golden Rule (ethical law of reciprocity) – *do unto others as you would have others do unto you.*