

CHARACTER EDUCATION

North Carolina Public Schools want to make sure our children grow up to be the kind of adults in whom we can take pride. The idea is to instill character traits in our children that will make them good human beings. What better way to do this than through the arts, which allow children to learn about healthy character traits in ways they'll remember for a lifetime?

Children learn all about responsibility when they're going to be performing a play before 1000 parents and siblings, and have to learn their lines. And it takes a lot of courage to get out there and perform those lines. Sharing poems with other students in their class can be scary, so it's important to focus on respect and caring as they listen. When they keep trying to get that clay to stay centered on the wheel, they certainly learn the meaning of perseverance. Sportsmanship and community come into play when students are working to choreograph a dance. And every single art form out there demands high expectations, not to mention a certain amount of self-discipline.

See Character Education www.ncpublicschools.org/charactereducation/handbook/