

# Center for Youth Citizenship

## 2009-10 Free to Learn

**Free to Learn** helps California's high priority elementary schools make improvements in their student citizenship program which supports their efforts to meet requirements for academic achievement. Using a research-based approach that is sensitive to current demands on instructional time, the project anchors the teaching of character-related behaviors for student growth into the academic program for reading/language arts. In addition, Free to Learn provides the necessary skill-based training and assistance to students and staff in six areas critical to school success.

### *Getting Started*

**1) Purchase Teacher Toolkits for all your teachers.**

(Includes Reading Takes Character ~ Connections for Open Court or Houghton Mifflin curriculum guide, poster set, class set of bookmarks, and other resources). Cost is \$30 per teacher

**2) Purchase an on-site staff training in curriculum and instruction.**

In this on-site training, participants will be introduced to the curriculum connections, learn how the Six Core Character Traits fit with the Open Court or Houghton Mifflin reading program, and learn additional methods for integrating character into their classroom. Starting at \$2000

**3) Tailor a comprehensive plan for your school:**

Purchase six on-site trainings for your staff around CYC's six whole school approach components. Provided with the trainings are: training workbooks, leadership team member toolkits, and a school toolkit. Starting at \$12,000

\*Rates are current as of 2009 and are subject to change. CYC also works with schools and districts to create individually tailored and priced package options.



### *Outcomes for Youth - (Grades K-6<sup>th</sup>)*

- ★ **Increased student achievement and citizenship**
- ★ Enhanced classroom instruction through character-based citizenship.
- ★ Valuable information about student achievement, student character, and other factors effecting school success.

"The character education component has provided our students with the knowledge to make wise decisions and take on roles that they were not taking on before. A teacher mentioned today, Remember all the "bad" kids?? Where did they go??"

"At first I was skeptical of the project, but now I feel, why wouldn't you do this?! It's not hard, it's so easy. It's not extra work, not an add-on..."



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