

# HONESTY

## Parent Resource

GRADES  
**9–12**

### What is honesty?

Honesty means telling the truth.

As your child gets older, honesty will continue to be a valuable characteristic. It is important for your child to learn how to be honest and to communicate in a respectful, kind and truthful manner.

#### In grades nine through twelve, children begin or continue:

- ✓ Demonstrating effective and respectful communication skills and strategies.
- ✓ Modeling honesty in responsible decision-making.
- ✓ Navigating leadership and career opportunities.

#### Below are some ways you can help your child learn, practice and demonstrate honesty:

##### TALK ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE

Talk to your child about the importance of honesty when working as part of a group at school or in the workplace. Tell him or her that when you arrive on time, meet deadlines and are honest when mistakes happen, you are showing others you are an honest, dependable team member.

##### DISCUSS INTEGRITY

Discuss the importance of showing integrity. Describe how dishonesty can affect your child's future goals or create challenges and setbacks. In contrast, highlight how being honest and showing integrity can positively impact your child's educational and career goals.

BY ENCOURAGING YOUR CHILD TO BE HONEST, YOU  
CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE HONESTY IS  
PRACTICED, EXPECTED AND APPRECIATED.

#### SKILLS TO CONSIDER PRACTICING WITH YOUR CHILD:



Demonstrating effective and respectful communication to combine honesty with kindness.



Analyzing how actions and reactions can make it challenging to practice honesty.



##### DINNER TABLE CONVERSATION STARTER

Talk with your child about potential career options. Discuss how honesty is valued in the workplace. Why is it important to be honest in his or her future career?