

Tarbiyya

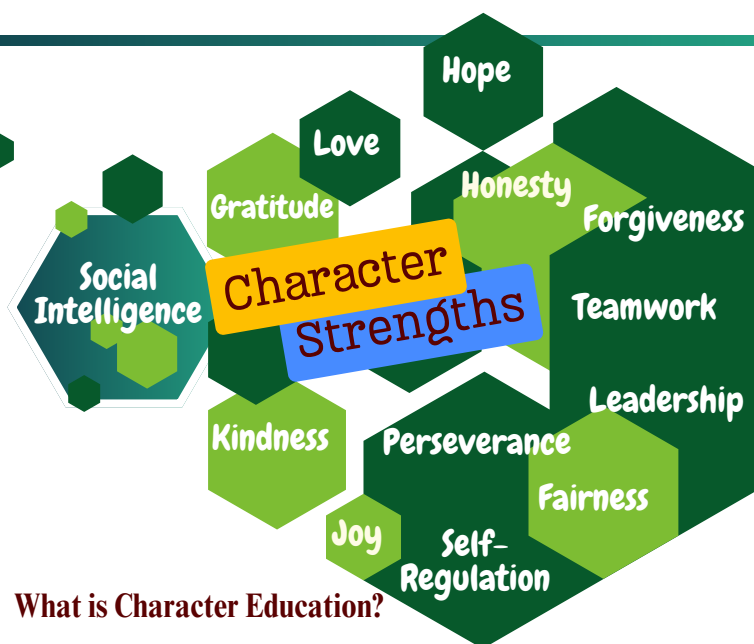


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A Character Education Curriculum for Pupils in Nursery 3 through Primary 2

CHARACTER

BEHAVIOUR THAT REFLECTS
POSITIVE MORAL VALUES
AND ETHICAL PRINCIPLES



What is Character Education?

Character is something that children learn and develop through their experiences. It is both caught and taught. Character education is a deliberate effort to promote character strengths. It includes both explicit educational activities such as teaching a character education curriculum and implicit practices within a school such as role modeling good character and creating a school culture that emphasizes good character.

Character education curricula provide guidance on direct instruction in important character strengths, stories about character, and inspiring role models of people who demonstrate good character. Teaching methods can include discussions, creative arts, drama, games, cooperative learning, reflective thinking, experiential learning, debates, and character themes of the week or month. Effective character education also invites family and community participation to reinforce learning in the home environment.

The goal of character education is to raise children to become morally responsible, self-disciplined, and caring individuals who can overcome the challenges of life and contribute positively to their families and society.

CHARACTER IN NIGERIA'S NATIONAL POLICY ON EDUCATION

Goals of Education in Nigeria (p. 1-2)

- 6a) Development of the individual into a **morally sound**, patriotic, and effective citizen
- 6d) Inculcation of national consciousness, **values** and national unity
- 6e) Development of appropriate skills, mental, physical and **social abilities and competencies to empower the individual to live in and contribute positively to the society.**

Goals of Basic Education (p. 4)

- 13b) Develop patriotic young people equipped to contribute to social development and in performance of their civic responsibilities
- 13c) Inculcate values and raise morally upright individuals capable of independent thinking

Goals of Pre-Primary Education (p. 6)

- 17d) Inculcate social, moral norms and values

Objectives of Primary Education (p. 7)

- 19d) Instill social, moral norms and values in the child



CHARACTER IN NIGERIA



9 OUT OF 10 SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS BELIEVE THAT CHARACTER HAS DECREASED AMONGST NIGERIANS IN THE LAST 20 YEARS

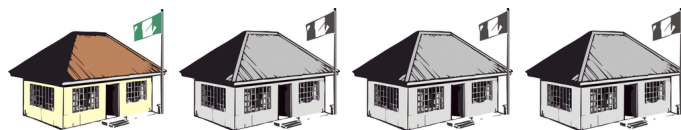
IMPACTS OF POOR CHARACTER IN NIGERIA



BENEFITS OF CHARACTER EDUCATION

- Higher academic achievement
- Improved school attendance
- Better school participation
- Better academic motivation
- More prosocial behaviours and attitudes
- Better social skills and relationships
- Higher self-esteem
- Less likely to engage in risky behaviours such as drug abuse and violence

CHARACTER EDUCATION IN NIGERIA



ONLY 1 OUT OF 4 SCHOOLS OFFERS CHARACTER EDUCATION.

Desire by teachers to include character education



99.2% OF TEACHERS BELIEVE THAT CHARACTER EDUCATION SHOULD BE TAUGHT



Desire by parents to include character education

99.1% OF PARENTS BELIEVE THAT CHARACTER EDUCATION SHOULD BE TAUGHT

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS' PERCEIVED CHALLENGES IMPLEMENTING CHARACTER EDUCATION

Challenges

Different religious backgrounds and parental beliefs prevent schools from teaching character education.

Parents do not reinforce positive character education in the home.

Children have difficulty learning character and they are not interested in character education.

Different religious backgrounds and parental beliefs prevent schools from teaching character education.

Character education is not in the curriculum.



Tarbiyya

99% of surveyed parents – both Christian and Muslim – believe character education should be taught.

Tarbiyya includes a Parent Orientation and Home Connection activities to encourage discussions about character in the home.

Tarbiyya includes playful activities that interest children. Parents reported that Tarbiyya improved their children's character.

Tarbiyya has a Teacher's Guide with step-by-step guidance on teaching character education and 10 magazines for young children's learning. Go to Tarbiyya.com to access the materials.

Nigeria's Policy on Education has goals and objectives specific to improving character/moral development.

Character education can and should be taught in your school!

TESTIMONIALS FROM TEACHERS AND PARENTS

"I recommend that Tarbiyya be extended to other schools because of its rich content and methods of teaching. It inculcates perseverance and uses cultural/traditional values which the children are familiar with. Even without much adult supervision, the children get involved because it is engaging and fun." –

Primary 2 teacher in Kuru, Plateau State, Nigeria

"My child's participation in Tarbiyya has been a transformative journey for him. He has learned to persevere even when he is faced with challenges." –

Parent of a Primary 2 Pupil in Yantrailer, Jos, Nigeria

"I appreciate Tarbiyya because it has really helped in moulding the pupils. If other schools will accept Tarbiyya, I think the society will be a good place for the kids." – **Parent of a Primary 2 Pupil at Marraban Jama'a, Plateau State, Nigeria**

IMPACTS OF TARBIIYYA

- Children who participate in Tarbiyya have significantly better perseverance, hope, and joy than children who do not, based on parental report.
- Tarbiyya helps children adapt with challenges they face in life.
- Teachers and parents also report that Tarbiyya improves children's socio-emotional skills and reading skills.



△ Tarbiyya Character Curriculum

Tarbiyya is a character education curriculum for pupils from Nursery 3 to Primary 2. It currently includes modules for the character strengths of Perseverance, Hope, and Joy. Each module has 4 lessons. The first three lessons help children learn more about the character strength through songs, stories, games, and handcrafts. Each of these lessons is supplemented by a magazine. The fourth lesson is a celebration of learning, modeled after traditional celebrations such as cultural festival and naming ceremony.

Families are invited to participate in Tarbiyya through the Home Connection on the back page of each magazine. Home Connection includes discussion questions to prompt families to discuss more about the role of character in their family and culture, as well as fun activities for families to engage in together.



All materials can be downloaded for free from <https://tarbiyya.com>

