

2010 Promising Practices Award Winners

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EDUCATORS RECOGNIZED FOR 'PROMISING PRACTICES' IN CHARACTER EDUCATION

Over 200 practices selected for unique and effective school improvement efforts

May 28, 2010 . . . Washington, DC – The Character Education Partnership (CEP) has announced it will award 196 schools and districts from across the United States, as well as Brazil, Mexico, Puerto Rico, and Singapore, 228 awards for “Promising Practices” in character education. [See list of winners.](#)

Winning practices include new and effective ways to help students solve conflicts, decrease bullying, and take action in their schools and communities as well as programs to increase parent and community involvement.

“These educators have found creative ways to improve school climate and, as a result, their students are learning more, doing the right thing, and giving back to others,” said Lara Maupin, associate director of National Schools of Character.

The Character Education Partnership (CEP) gives the annual awards for unique and specific exemplary practices that encourage the ethical, social, and academic growth of K–12 students through character education. By publicizing these awards, CEP hopes to recognize educators for their efforts and to encourage others to learn from and even replicate these successful initiatives.

CEP will present the awards at the 17th National Forum on Character Education, *Service & Leadership: Profiles in Character*, to be held in San Francisco, California, October 28–30. In addition, winning practices will be featured in CEP’s annual National Schools of Character publication and on the CEP website.

CEP received a record 474 applications from 320 public and private schools and districts. Schools in Missouri submitted the most applications and will receive the most awards, followed by New Jersey, Florida, and Michigan.

The Promising Practices awards program is administered by CEP as part of its National Schools of Character awards program. Based in Washington, D.C., CEP is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, nonsectarian coalition of organizations and individuals dedicated to helping schools develop people of good character for a just and compassionate society. To learn more about CEP and its national awards programs, visit www.character.org.