

## 5 Ways to Teach Students About Doing What's Right

### 1. Be a role model.

As the saying goes, children learn what they live. The same is true of teachers. Demonstrate doing the right thing and students will learn it.

### 2. Share scenarios.

Talk through what “doing the right thing” is under a variety of circumstances. Role playing in small groups is a worthwhile tool that gives students the opportunity to practice so they are prepared when they find themselves in challenging circumstances.

### 3. Provide choices.

Teaching students how to make good choices will help them in school and in life. One way to do this is to provide opportunities for students to make choices in a safe environment throughout the day. Making small choices lays the foundation for bigger choices, with larger consequences later in life.

### 4. Teach responsibility.

Start small. Include ideas about ownership and how to apologize when mistakes are made. What valuable life skills!

### 5. Expand vs. contract.

You can expand your students' world! Rather than telling students why they can't do, instead, tell them what they can do. This takes practice but communicating what they can do instead of what they can't do expands the possibilities.