

What is Fairness?

Only one thing is clear when it comes to fairness: it is often a matter of perception. Although some decisions are clearly unfair, there is often more than one fair choice.

To ensure the choices are fair to as many people as possible, the rules of a decision-making process should be very clear to all involved and everyone should abide by the rules. Everyone must be treated the same under the rules.

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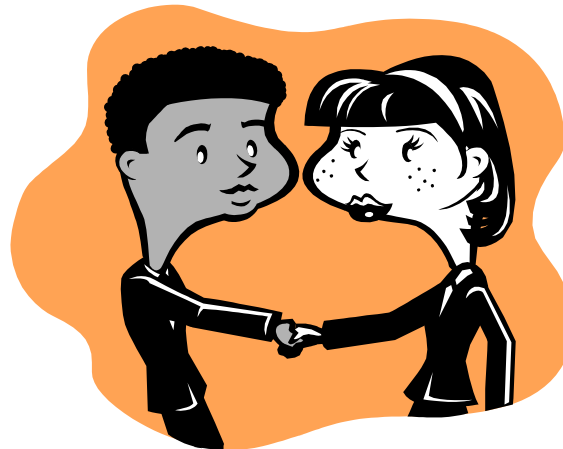
- **I play by the rules**
- **I take turns and share**
- **I am open-minded; listen to others**
- **I don't take advantage of others**
- **I don't blame others carelessly**
- **I treat other fairly**

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What is Trustworthiness?

The trustworthiness pillar encompasses a variety of qualities: honesty, integrity, reliability, and loyalty. Being trustworthy means keeping promises and doing one's best not to deceive, even with white lies or statements that one might defend as "technically true". A person who is trustworthy is honest, sincere, dependable, keeps promises and honors their word and commitments.

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Trustworthiness

- **I am honest**
- **I don't deceive, cheat, or steal**
- **I am reliable-I do what I say I will do**
- **I have the courage to do the right thing**
- **I build a good reputation**
- **I am loyal-I stand by my family, friends, and country**

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What is Respect?

Respectful people give others the information they need to make decisions about their lives

Respectful people treat others with consideration. They do what is tasteful and proper in dealing with others. They don't stoop to violence, meanness or rudeness.

Respectful people tolerate other people's beliefs and accept individual differences without prejudice. They don't insist that everyone be like them.

Respectful people treat others as they want to be treated. They value others. They build up others. They help other people value themselves.

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Respect

- **I treat others with respect**
- **I am tolerant and accepting of differences**
- **I use good manners**
- **I am considerate of the feelings of others**
- **I don't threaten, hit, or hurt anyone**
- **I deal peacefully with anger, insults, and disagreements**

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What is Responsibility?

Responsibility is the moral obligation to choose attitudes, words, and actions and the duty to accept personal responsibility for the consequences of those actions. Responsibility requires that you recognize that what you do or don't do does matter.

Look out for excuses in life. Responsibility isn't about blame; it's about accountability. Responsible people often do more than they're required to do in order to meet their obligations. Accountability means thinking about the consequences to yourself and others before acting, and thinking long-term about what you can do to make things better and to set a good example.

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Responsibility

- **I do what I am supposed to do**
- **I plan ahead**
- **I persevere; keep on trying**
- **I always do my best**
- **I use self control**
- **I am self-disciplined**
- **I think before I act**
- **I am accountable for my words, actions, and attitudes**
- **I set a good example for others**

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What is Caring?

Caring is the heart of ethics, and making ethical decisions. It is scarcely possible to be truly ethical and yet unconcerned with the welfare of others, because ethics is ultimately about good relationships with others.

People who consider themselves ethical and yet lack a caring attitude toward individuals tend to treat others as instruments of their will. They rarely feel an obligation to be honest, loyal, fair, or respectful unless it will benefit them. A person who really cares feels emotional response to both pain and pleasure of others.

The highest form of caring is the honest expression of benevolence or selflessness.

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Caring

- **I am kind**
- **I am compassionate and show I care**
- **I express gratitude**
- **I forgive others**
- **I help people in need**

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What is Citizenship?

Demonstrating good citizenship is being a person who is involved in trying to make the community, nation, or world a better place. Good citizens are people who are involved in big or small government functions. Good citizenship in practice is understanding, appreciating and doing things that make life better for everyone. They go beyond their own interests and demonstrate a concern for others. Citizenship is a two-way relationship and includes both duties and rights. No one makes a difference without being involved.

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Citizenship

- **I do my share to make my school and community better**
- **I cooperate**
- **I get involved in community activities**
- **I stay informed**
- **I am a good neighbor**
- **I obey laws and rules**
- **I respect authority**
- **I protect the environment**
- **I volunteer**