

Character and Values: *The SUPERHEROES of* student achievement



Socrates once said, "Education is the kindling of the flame, not the filling of the vessel." Many schools are still obsessed with 'vessel-filling' as they channel their energy into curriculum and measurement. Twenty-first century learners have all the knowledge they need at their fingertips. What they really need to learn is how to become 'good young men' and 'good young women' and the learning will follow.

The paradox of this ability to access vast amounts of knowledge is that many children (and adults) spend more time connected to their computers than they do to their families. Consequently young people's values are being influenced by external sources at a much earlier age than in the past. Many of these values are harmful and severely limiting the achievement of many students. You can have the all the knowledge in the world, but if you don't have the motivation and perseverance to apply it, or the strength of character to resist instant gratification, then potential will simply be wasted. This why character and values are the *Superheroes of Student Achievement*, and why teaching them in schools is more important than ever.

This thought-provoking presentation will deliver stories, stats and case-studies that reveal why 'kindling the flame' is more important that 'filling the vessel' and give you powerful tools, tips and tactics to help you do it.

"Character is destiny". Heraclitus

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