



Charter Schools USA and Clarion Council Bring *STRIVE* Character Education

The Clarion Council for Educational Greatness has chosen Charter Schools USA to partner with in a 3-year pilot program to develop, refine and implement a research-based, character education program. Because it is based on universal truths and not a religious ideology this program is ideal for a public school like ours that is anxious to help our students build character and learn to make positive choices.

This program, called STRIVE (Schools/Students Taking Responsibility for Important Values of Excellence), is not just an occasional emphasis on character but a comprehensive and systemic character education program that will be part of the daily activities of our school including grade level curriculum.

Our children are exposed to so many negative influences within our society. Yet we know that children develop character *by what they see, by what they hear and by what they are repeatedly led to do*. STRIVE will provide our school additional ways to partner with parents and stem the tide of children learning their moral values too heavily from our media saturated culture and other negative influences. STRIVE will help develop our students ethically, academically, and socially and provide enriched learning experiences for your student. We anticipate measurable positive results in the areas of:

- Academic performance
- Promotion rates
- Student attendance
- Student behavior
- Enhanced school climate

There will be multiple ways for parents to get involved with STRIVE. These ways include:

- Talking to your child about what they are learning
- On-line parent training – for a \$10 donation you will receive two volunteer hours and learn many ways you can support your child in STRIVE character development
- STRIVE Kick-off in October – details to come later
- Classroom STRIVE Sponsor – a parent, business, or group of parents can sponsor a homeroom. This will allow us to provide additional resources to our students
- Help STRIVE raise community support and participate in service projects

If you would like to get involved with STRIVE please contact the Principal, Sara Abraham, at sabraham@sixmilecharter.org.