

CHAPTER SUMMARY

Section 2.1

Character and Values

Building character is a lifelong process. Families, teachers, friends, and others in the community help develop your character. The choices you make and their consequences are a reflection of your character. Character is built on a foundation of values. Universal values include respect, fairness, responsibility, caring, and honesty. Having strong values helps you face difficult situations with confidence.

Section 2.2

Standards and Ethics

Personal standards guide your behavior by defining what you do and what you do not do. Planning ahead and knowing your standards can help you react appropriately in difficult situations. Ethics help you make decisions based on what is right, fair, just, caring, and best for all involved. Values, standards, and ethics develop as you mature, and they provide a framework that helps you make good choices.