



New Hampshire Charter School Office

Best Practice Submission Form

School Name:	Polaris Charter School
Best Practice Title:	Core Values
Applicable Categories:	<input type="checkbox"/> Accountability and Performance Monitoring <input type="checkbox"/> Business Operations <input type="checkbox"/> Community/Student Engagement <input type="checkbox"/> Curriculum Design <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership & Governance <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Development <input type="checkbox"/> Recruitment and Retention (Staff or Student) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> School Culture <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
School Mission:	<p>The mission of Polaris Charter School is to create a joyful and exciting learning community for intellectually curious elementary-aged children. Through an engaging, inquiry-based curriculum, our students will develop the ability to communicate effectively, work collaboratively, think critically, and excel academically. Our program fosters creativity and the development of social and emotional skills, instilling a positive attitude about future studies and ensuring students are well-prepared for the challenges of an ever-changing world.</p>
Purpose:	To allow the student's social-emotional development to grow as well as their academics.
Summary:	<p>At Polaris Charter School, we believe our students' social/emotional development is just as important as academics. Each month, a core value related to character education is discussed as a school at Morning Gathering and in the classroom. The Jessie Lewis Choose Love Formula is embedded. Different activities that align with these topics might also be conducted. The monthly core values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• September: school rules (respect and responsibility)• October: courage• November: citizenship• December: gratitude• January: forgiveness• February: compassion• March: fairness• April: trustworthiness• May: grit/determination• June: wrap up/transition to next year



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Resources or Documentation:	The Jessie Lewis Choose Love Formula (Courage + Gratitude + Forgiveness + Compassion-in-Action = Choosing Love)