4.0 CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT TOOLS

🌐 WEBSITES

- **Character.org** - A nonprofit dedicated to fostering character development in schools, organizations, and communities through its 11 Principles Framework for Schools of Character.

- **CASEL** - A leader in advancing social and emotional learning (SEL) through evidence-based research, policy advocacy, and practical resources for educators and schools.

- **Character Lab** - A research-driven organization that develops tools and insights to help students cultivate character strengths like grit, gratitude, and curiosity.

- **Good Character** - An online resource hub offering free lessons and activities to help teachers and parents instill ethical values and good character in students.

- **Character Counts!** - A character education framework that promotes ethical values like trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship through its Six Pillars of Character.

- **Giraffe Heroes Project** - A global initiative that inspires individuals to "stick their necks out" by highlighting everyday heroes who take risks to make a difference in their communities.

- **Inspire My Kids** - A platform providing inspiring stories, videos, and activities designed to encourage young people to make a positive impact on the world around them.

- **Service Stars** - A program that empowers youth through community service initiatives, helping them develop leadership skills, empathy, and a lifelong commitment to giving back.

- **Common Sense Education** – A resource hub offering research-backed lessons designed to help students develop healthy digital habits.

- **Making Caring Common Project** – A curriculum developed by Harvard University that provides educators with evidence-based lessons on fostering empathy, kindness, and ethical decision-making.

- **Greater Good Magazine** – A publication from UC Berkeley's that explores the science of well-being, social connection, and compassion.

- **EdInstruments** – A comprehensive database of educational measurement tools curated by Brown University.

📖 BOOKS

- **Berkowitz, M. W.** (2021). *PRIMED for character education: Six design principles for school improvement.*

- **Lewis, B. A.** (2009). *The kid's guide to service projects: Over 500 service ideas for young people who want to make a difference.*

- **Lickona, T.** (2004). *Character matters: How to help our children develop good judgment, integrity, and other essential virtues.*

✓ EVALUATION INSTRUMENTS

- **Character Strengths Survey** | VIA

- **Social Emotional Learning** | Panorama

- **Self Efficacy** | Chen and Gully

- **Student Well-Being** | Ryff

- **Grit** | Duckworth

- **Growth Mindset** | Dweck

- **Self Esteem** | Rosenberg

- **Academic Motivation** | Vallerand

- **School Climate** | U.S. Department of Education