

KEY COMPONENTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION

IN ORDER TO ENSURE FIDELITY, ATTENTION SHOULD BE PAID TO THE FOLLOWING KEY COMPONENTS:

IMPLEMENT BUILDING CHARACTER WITH KELSO ON A SCHOOL-WIDE BASIS

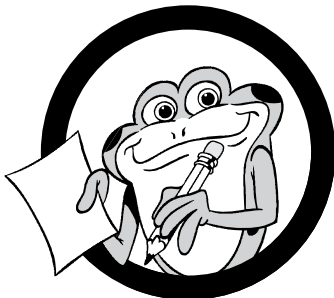
- When your school or agency implements this curriculum, it is critical that the entire staff supports character education.
- The accompanying staff letter can be used to introduce the program and ensure consistency (page 195).
- Staff training can be beneficial to getting everyone committed prior to implementation. For training information and scheduling, contact Diane Hipp at 406-777-3958, dhipp@kelsoschoice.com, or customerservice@kelsoschoice.com.

INFORM PARENTS OR GUARDIANS BEFOREHAND

- The accompanying parent letter should be sent home before the program is implemented (page 193).
- Parents can support this character education program by using the activities provided to them, thus making a home-school connection.

TEACH CORE LESSONS 1 – 6 IN SEQUENCE (PAGES 19-51 AND 108-122)

- The sequence of the remaining Extension Lessons and Reinforcement Activities is flexible and allows for the age and experience of the students.
- Auditory, visual, and kinesthetic learning activities are provided, as are all levels of learning mastery, from simple identification through synthesis and evaluation.



REVIEW BUILDING CHARACTER WITH KELSO THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR

- When implementing Building Character with Kelso at the beginning of the year, the most optimal review times would be after the winter and spring vacations.
- Extension Lessons and Reinforcement Activities can be scheduled throughout the year.
- (OPTIONAL) All five character traits can be taught in a five-month cycle, each trait being taught over a month's time. The cycle can be restarted as a review for the remaining months of the school year.

CLIPBOARD-SIZED MINI KELSO STAR (GRADES K-3) AND K.C. STAR (GRADES 4-5) POSTERS ARE BENEFICIAL FOR USE OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

- Duty personnel can refer to the program while working outside with students.
- Mini Kelso and K.C. Star posters can be laminated for durability (pages 199 and 217).

DISPLAY KELSO AND K.C. STAR POSTERS PROMINENTLY AROUND THE SCHOOL

- Display posters in all offices, hallways, the library, the cafeteria, and the playground.
- Insert Kelso and K.C. Stars into student handbooks (pages 197 and 215).