



Nova Classical Virtues

virtue {vir·tue} : a virtue is simply a good habit;
the way we act time and time again.

Nova Classical Academy teaches the nature of virtue as a good, repeated habit through the cardinal virtues of fortitude, justice, temperance, prudence, and wisdom. The virtues are the lens we use at Nova Classical Academy to teach our students to become young people of character. Students learn the behaviors associated with these virtues and are taught to look for them in the school's rich content and in their daily lives. Once they can see them in the examples of others, they are taught specific ways to apply virtuous frameworks to their own choices.

FORTITUDE

TEMPERANCE

JUSTICE

PRUDENCE

WISDOM

CARDINAL VIRTUES

FORTITUDE

Fortitude is having the courage to face challenges and obstacles; persevering when things get tough.

Courage: Showing strength in the face of hardships.

Optimism: Remaining positive, even in difficult circumstances.

Perseverance: Keep going even when the going is tough.

Good Citizenship: Being a good member of our community.

Loyalty: Standing by my friends no matter what.

JUSTICE

Justice is treating others with respect and taking responsibility for their well-being; fairness.

Respect: Showing respect to others and myself.

Friendship: Being a good and loyal friend.

Kindness: Acting with kindness and compassion.

Generosity: Giving without expecting anything in return.

Fairness: Treating everybody fairly.

TEMPERANCE

Temperance is mastering ourselves and our impulses for the sake of the happiness of those around us. It is about acting the right way at the right time.

Order: Staying organized.

Courtesy: Acting with courtesy and good manners.

Self-control: Mastering myself and my impulses.

Patience: Showing patience.

Obedience: Following instructions the first time they are given.

PRUDENCE

Prudence is having sound judgment and making sound choices. It is being thoughtful.

Honesty: Behaving with honesty.

Wisdom: Making wise decisions.

Integrity: Acting with integrity among my classmates. Being true to myself.

Gratitude: Showing gratitude toward others. Expressing my thanks.

Humility: Behaving with humility. Caring less about who is right and more about what is right.

Care: Doing my work in a thoughtful and careful manner.

WISDOM

Wisdom is the ability to learn a thing and see its usefulness. Wisdom is the most precise and perfect form of knowledge: the knowledge of things that are valued most highly as truthful, beautiful, or good.

Science: To know. We seek to know truths and do what we know is good.

Good Sense: To forgive others and judge well what is fair or equitable.