

**RULER ANCHOR**

**THE CHARTER**

**OVERVIEW**

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**What is it?**

The Classroom Charter is a tool that can help us create the positive, supportive, social-emotional environments that we know are best for learning. The Charter is like a promise we make to one another, or an agreement.

**How it Works:**

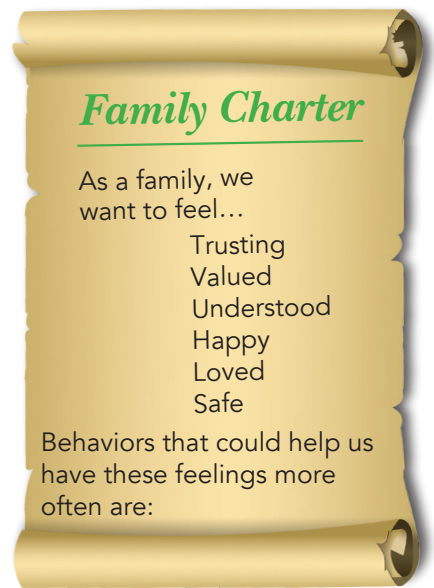
The Charter describes how we want to feel at school and what we can do to ensure that everyone has those feelings more consistently.

Everyone has a voice in its reaction and plays an active role in bringing it to life.

The Charter is considered a “living” document – meaning once it’s created, teachers and students make a habit of checking in with the Charter throughout the school year.

**Why it Matters:**

When there is a climate of emotional support and warm relationships between teachers and students, and students among one another, there is an increase in productivity and wellbeing, greater likelihood of academic success, and better outcomes for students as they become adult community members. The same is true for families.



**The Charter is guided by two questions:**

1. How do you want to feel when we’re together?
2. How will we help each other have these feelings more often?

Charters are created and used effectively by members of classrooms, schools, businesses, organizations, and homes.