

2024-2025 Upstander Partnership

Grade Level Descriptions

<p>The Upstander Partnership seeks to integrate Upstander behavior, citizenship, and civics education through consistent and engaging TEKS- and RISD Graduate Profile-aligned activities for Kindergarten to 12th grade to encourage students to become Upstanders in their community.</p>	
K-2	<p>Kindergarten to 2nd grade activities introduce Upstander skills, which include respect, communication, and community, by looking at what it means to be an Upstander using historical Upstanders. By using examples of Historical Upstanders, students will understand the positive impact they are able to make in their own communities. Activities include What is an Upstander, which uses historical examples to define an Upstander, and The Power of Community: Dallas, Texas that examines how Upstanders in Dallas worked to improve our community.</p>
3-5	<p>The focus of the 3rd-5th grade student activities is to build upon the introduction of Upstander skills by digging deeper into Upstander and bystander behaviors in relation to Upstander skills and TEA character traits. Students explore how one becomes an Upstander and the qualities that Upstanders demonstrate through studying historical Upstanders. This grade band also explores how to create a community of Upstanders and encourages students to get involved in making their communities a better place. In addition, students learn about the qualities that Upstanders use to be good citizens. Students wrap up the school year by understanding that we can ALL be Upstanders!</p>
6th Grade- 8th Grade	<p>The Upstander Partnership activities for 6th-8th grade focus on connecting Upstander skills and behavior to one's personal role in the community. Activities focus on connecting community and Upstander skills to TEA character traits and English language arts writing TEKS and Social Studies civics and citizenship TEKS. Examples of activities include Upstander Communities where students discuss the concept that communities and how they can be Upstanders. Another activity in this grade band is Women Suffragists as Upstanders, which uses a variety of primary and secondary source documents, students will analyze the life of 3 American women as Upstanders to understand the power of women in American history.</p>
9th Grade	<p>9th grade Upstander Partnership modules tie together World and AP Human Geography curriculum with the Graduate Profile to build real world connections to Upstander skills. Through the activities, students bring together their knowledge of Upstander behaviors and put them into practice through exploring strategies for responsible and respectful discussion practices in the classroom, and reviewing the concept of courage by learning about how to recognize it in themselves and others through exploring historical Upstanders.</p>