

**Ethics Self Assessment  
“Warm-Up” Thinking Exercise**

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**Ethics Self Assessment**

- Read the following statements.
- As I do, think about whether you agree or disagree with the following statements and to what extent the statements have any significance in your personal experiences.
- Take a couple of seconds to think about each statement
- This is not a test – no need to mark down your responses.

**Ethics Self Assessment**

- I am satisfied with my own ethics and character.

**DO YOU AGREE?**

**Ethics Self Assessment**

- I am more ethical than the majority of people I know.

**DO YOU AGREE?**

**Ethics Self Assessment**

- The values and behavior of young people today are about the same as when I was growing up.

**Do you agree?**

**Ethics Self Assessment**

- Kids today are more likely to lie, cheat or steal than 20 years ago.

**Do you agree?**

**Ethics Self Assessment**

- The development of ethics and character in children is exclusively the responsibility of parents. Schools should not be involved.

Do you agree?

**Ethics Self Assessment**

- Schools should be more active in seeking to instill core ethical values like honesty, responsibility and respect and developing good character in children.

Do you agree?

**Ethics Self Assessment**

- In today's society, one has to lie or cheat at least occasionally in order to succeed.

Do you agree?

**Ethics Self Assessment**

- People who take ethical shortcuts are more likely to succeed than those who do not.

Do you agree?

**Ethics Self Assessment**

- If it was the only way to get my child into a better neighborhood school, I would be willing to lie about my address.

DO YOU AGREE?

**Ethics Self Assessment**

I will read the following statements regarding personal conduct and as I do think about whether you have engaged in or experienced the conduct described?

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- Lied to a spouse or significant other about something significant
- Inflated an expense claim or insurance claim for reimbursement
- Was given too much change and kept the money
- Made an unauthorized copy of software
- Made an unauthorized copy of music or a video

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- Concealed or distorted significant information in communicating to your boss
- Lied to or mislead your boss about something significant
- Lied to or mislead a client or customer about something significant
- Misrepresented or omitted a material fact on a resume
- Misrepresented or omitted a material fact in a job interview

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- Used the internet for more than 15 minutes for personal reasons during work time.
- Provided a child with a false excuse for missing school
- Used a work sick day for non-health reasons.
- Lied about a child's age to save money.
- Asked your child to lie for you (e.g., Tell Grandma I'm not home).
- Lied in front of your child to get out of a difficult situation.

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- Told the truth knowing it would be personally costly even when you could have gotten away with lying or concealing information.
- Cheated on an exam during high school or college.
- Drove significantly over the speed limit while running late in order to get to work.
- Rolled through a stop sign in a quiet residential area.
- Number of questions on this survey that you did not answer with complete honesty.

### Ethics Self Assessment

- Thoughts?
- Reactions?
- Conclusions