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With opportunity comes obligation. Together, we climb. One child, one community, one nation at a time.

Life Skills Curriculum

Module 6: Handling Opportunity and Responsibility

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This module helps you learn how to receive opportunity without becoming entitled, careless, or disconnected from responsibility.

What This Module Is About

This module teaches one core skill:

How to carry opportunity well.

As students grow, they may receive:

- support,
- recognition,
- scholarships,
- mentorship,
- leadership roles,
- or chances that others may not receive.

Without guidance, opportunity can slowly lead to:

- entitlement
- complacency
- loss of perspective
- carelessness
- or the belief that success is automatically deserved

Opportunity is often a mix of preparation and timing. Sometimes people receive chances they did not fully control.

But preparation determines whether those chances become growth, or simply just wasted possibility.

This module helps you learn how to:

- receive opportunity without superiority
- stay grounded as visibility increases
- honor support through behavior, not words
- prepare seriously for opportunities when they appear
- handle success without losing responsibility

The goal is not guilt.

The goal is maturity.

The One Idea to Carry With You

Opportunity is not a finish line. It is preparation meeting timing — followed by responsibility.

Students who understand this:

- remain grounded as they advance

- treat support with care
- prepare seriously before opportunities appear
- protect trust placed in them
- stay respectful as visibility increases
- grow without losing perspective

Everything in this module points back to that idea.

How This Module Works

This module uses three simple steps:

1. Recognize opportunity without entitlement
2. Reflect on how behavior affects others
3. Act in ways that honor support over time

There are:

- no grades
- no tests
- no forced sharing

Short answers are okay.

One or two sentences is enough.

Disagreement is okay too.

Part 1: Receiving Opportunity Honestly

Exercise 1 — Opportunity Check

Answer briefly:

- What opportunities or support have I received that others may not?
- Why do I think I received them?
- Was I fully prepared for these opportunities — or did they push me to grow afterward?
- What assumptions might people make about me because of these opportunities?
- How have these opportunities affected my direction so far?

Opportunity does not make you better.

It makes you responsible.

Exercise 2 — Gratitude vs. Entitlement

Answer:

- What does entitlement look like in behavior, not words?
- How can entitlement appear quietly over time?
- What behaviors actually show respect for opportunity?
- Have I ever confused recognition with superiority?
- What behaviors turn opportunity into wasted possibility?

Gratitude is shown through actions, not statements.

Part 2: Who Is Affected Besides Me

Exercise 3 — Carrying Opportunity Forward

Answer:

- Who invested time, trust, support, or resources in me?

- How does my behavior reflect on them?
- If I misuse an opportunity, who is affected besides me?
- What responsibilities come with being trusted or supported?

Opportunity always connects you to other people.

Part 3: Visibility and Humility

Exercise 4 — Staying Grounded

Answer:

- If I succeed, how do I want to carry myself?
- How do I talk about my achievements?
- How do I treat people who are earlier in their journey?
- Does success make me more respectful — or less patient?
- What behaviors help someone stay grounded over time?

Humility is practiced, not declared.

Part 4: Responsibility in Action

Exercise 5 — Standards Going Forward (Activity)

Write one short responsibility statement.

Answer:

- What does this opportunity require of me?
- What standards will I hold myself to — even when nobody is watching?
- What behavior would show that I respect this support?

- What type of preparation helps someone stay ready for future opportunities?
- What type of person do I want to become as opportunities increase?

Be realistic.

Specific matters more than impressive.

Optional Activity — Carrying Opportunity Well

This section is optional.

Choose one small action that shows respect for an opportunity you have received.

Examples:

- preparing seriously for something others helped you access
- following through consistently
- helping someone without showing off
- staying respectful after receiving recognition
- continuing effort after early success
- handling praise calmly instead of chasing more of it

Afterward, answer:

- What action did I choose?
- Did the action change how I viewed responsibility?
- Did preparation affect the quality of my effort?
- Did it feel different to focus on behavior instead of image or recognition?

Maturity is usually visible through behavior.

Part 5: Locking the Learning

Exercise 6 — What Keeps People Grounded?

Answer:

- What behaviors help people stay responsible as opportunities increase?
- What behaviors usually damage trust over time?
- How can success slowly change someone's attitude or behavior?
- How does preparation affect whether opportunity becomes growth?
- What standards matter most to me going forward?

Opportunity without preparation can become wasted possibility.

Growth matters.

But how you carry growth matters too.

You're Done When...

You are finished with this module when you can honestly say:

- I understand the difference between opportunity and entitlement
- I reflected on how my behavior affects people beyond myself
- I identified behaviors that show respect for support received
- I considered how visibility changes responsibility
- I reflected on how preparation affects opportunity
- I defined standards for how I want to carry opportunity going forward
- I reflected on the type of person I want to become as opportunities increase

You do not need to feel deserving.

You do not need to promise outcomes.

If you reflected honestly and defined your standards — you are done.

About How Long This Takes

- Reading and writing: 60–90 minutes total
- Responsibility reflection: one short written statement
- Optional activity: one action connected to responsibility

You can revisit this module as new opportunities appear.

What This Module Is Not

This module is not:

- guilt-based
- a demand to “give back” immediately
- denial of ambition or success
- humility performance
- a performance test

It acknowledges:

- uneven opportunity,
- recognition,
- visibility,
- luck,
- and ambition —

while teaching you how to carry them responsibly.

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