



# Melissa Torres

Grade: 5

School: Ducor Union School,  
Ducor Union School District

Pillar: Trustworthiness

Comment: Nominator Alicia Orozco says, "Melissa is a student of remarkable character, consistently demonstrating integrity, kindness, and perseverance. Whether she's tackling a challenging project or supporting her peers, Melissa approaches every situation with a positive attitude and a genuine desire to make a difference. Her ability to balance academic excellence with empathy and respect for others makes her a role model in her school community. Melissa's commitment to her values not only drives her own success but also inspires those around her to strive for their best."

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