

Black Child's Pledge



I pledge allegiance to my Black People.

I pledge to develop my mind and body
to the greatest extent possible.

I will learn all that I can in order to give my best
to my People in their struggle for liberation.

I will keep myself physically fit, building a strong body free from
drugs and other substances which weaken me and make me less
capable of protecting myself, my family and my Black brothers
and sisters.

I will unselfishly share my knowledge and understanding
with them in order to bring about change more quickly.

I will discipline myself to direct my energies thoughtfully
and constructively rather than wasting them in idle hatred.

I will train myself never to hurt or allow others to harm my
Black brothers and sisters for I recognize that we need every
Black Man, Woman, and Child to be physically, mentally and
psychologically strong.

These principles I pledge to practice daily and to teach them to
others in order to unite my People.

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