



Sustainable Schoolwide Social and Emotional Learning (SEL): Implementation Guide and Toolkit

Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning

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This guide and toolkit are designed to help school administrators and their teams implement high-quality, sustainable social and emotional learning programming that is integrated into all aspects of a school's functioning. It not only contains handy tools and materials to assist principals and teams with planning and implementation of SEL programming, but also takes them step-by-step through the multiyear process. Teams can use this workbook over the course of several years to get started, find resources and strategies, and stay on track with SEL.

Special sections focus on:

- SEL and the research that demonstrates that providing SEL to students improves their academic performance
- The unique and pivotal role of the school leader
- Steps and cycles of SEL implementation
- Six research-based factors essential to implementation success and sustainability
- A self-assessment and planning rubric that embodies the key research and practice findings on sustainable, schoolwide SEL

The **Toolkit** is packed with 40 tools useful at every step of the implementation process. Here are just a few: PowerPoint Presentation on SEL and Academics • SEL Competencies for School Leaders • Tips for Conducting Your First SEL Steering Committee Meeting • Guide to Developing a Shared Vision • Needs and Resources Assessment Tool for Schools • Teacher Implementation Logs • Ideas for Celebrating Your Success • Student, Staff, and Parent Surveys for Needs and Outcome Assessment • SEL Funding Resources • Integrating SEL with Core Academic Content • Sample Handouts for Family Members • Developing a Communications Plan

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The Stone Center, Wellesley Centers for Women, Wellesley College

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