

Identifying K-12 Standards for SEL in all 50 States

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Alabama	NO. There are free standing standards for character development, but these are not comprehensive, nor do they develop SEL systematically across grade levels http://alex.state.al.us/standardAll.php?subject=CE&summary=1)	No	No	No	No	No
Alaska	No	No	No	No	No	No
Arizona	No	No	No	No	No	No
Arkansas	No	No	No	No	No	No
California	No	No	No	No	No	No
Colorado	No	No	No	No	No	No
Connecticut	Yes, through 3 rd grade at http://ctcorestandards.org/?page_id=9591	Yes through 3 rd grade	No	No	No	No
Delaware	No	No	No	No	No	No
Florida	No	No	No	No	No	No
Georgia	No	No	No	No	No	No
Hawaii	No	No	No	No	No	No
Idaho	Yes, through 3 rd grade at http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Children/InfantToddlerProgram/EarlyLearningGuidelines/tabid/2280/Default.aspx	Yes through 3 rd grade as part of aligned standards.	Yes through 3 rd grade as part of aligned standards.	Yes through 3 rd grade as part of aligned standards.	Yes through 3 rd grade as part of aligned standards.	Yes through 3 rd grade as part of aligned standards.

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Illinois	Yes, the state has comprehensive P-12 standards for SEL, with developmental benchmarks, at http://www.isbe.state.il.us/ils/social_emotional/standards.htm	Yes	No	Yes, http://www.isbe.state.il.us/learningsupports/html/conditions.htm ; and the Illinois State Board of Education School Climate at http://www.isbe.state.il.us/learningsupports/climate/default.htm	Yes, http://www.isbe.net/learningsupports/html/culture.htm	Yes, http://www.isbe.net/bilingual/htmls/elp_standards.htm
Indiana	No	No	No	No	No	No
Iowa	No	No	No	No	No	No
Kansas	Yes, the state has comprehensive P-12 standards for SEL, with developmental benchmarks, at http://www.ksde.org/Agency/DivisionofLearningServices/CareerStandardsandAssessmentServices/ContentAreaM-Z/SchoolCounseling/Social,Emotional,andCharacterDevelopment.aspx	Yes	Yes	No	Yes, (http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=787)	Yes
Kentucky	No	No	No	No	No	No

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Louisiana	No	No	No	No	No	No
Maine	Yes, Maine's Guiding Principles focus on such skills as communication and problem solving, found at http://www.maine.gov/education/lres/2007MLRGuidingPrinciples.pdf	No	No	No	No	No
Maryland	No	No	No	No	No	No
Massachusetts	Yes for kindergarten . The state also provides guidelines for implementation of SEL.	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Michigan	No	No	No	No	No	No
Minnesota	No	No	No	No	No	No
Mississippi	No	No	No	No	No	No
Missouri	Yes, Missouri's Show-Me Standards emphasize gathering and analyzing information, effective communication, problem solving, and responsible decision-making, found at http://www.dese.mo.gov/standards/process.html	No	No	No	No	No
Montana	No	No	No	No	No	No
Nebraska	No	No	No	No	No	No
Nevada	No	No	No	No	No	No

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New Hampshire	No	No	No	No	No	No
New Jersey 2009	No	No	No	No	No	No
New Mexico	No	No	No	No	No	No
New York	No, but the state does have resources to support SEL at http://www.p12.nysed.gov/sss/sed/	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
North Carolina	No	No	No	No	No	No
North Dakota	No	No	No	No	No	No
Ohio	Yes through grade 3.	Yes through 3 rd grade	No	No	No	No
Oklahoma	No	No	No	No	No	No
Oregon	No	No	No	No	No	No
Pennsylvania	Yes, the state has comprehensive P-12 standards for SEL, with developmental benchmarks, at http://static.pdesas.org/content/documents/Student_Int erpersonal_Skills_Standards.pdf	Yes	No	No	No	No

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Rhode Island	No	No	No	No	No	No
South Carolina	No	No	No	No	No	No
South Dakota	No	No	No	No	No	No
Tennessee	No, but the state offers guidelines to support SEL at: https://www.tn.gov/assets/entities/education/attachments/sch_se_toolkit.pdf	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Texas	No	No	No	No	No	No
Utah	No	No	No	No	No	No
Vermont	Yes, Vermont's Vital Results standards address communication, reasoning and problem solving, personal development, and responsibility, found at http://education.vermont.gov/documents/framework.pdf	No	No	No	No	No
Virginia	No	No	No	No	No	No
Washington	Through 3 rd grade as part of aligned standards, at http://www.del.wa.gov/publications/development/docs/Guidelines.pdf .	Yes through 3 rd grade as part of	Yes through 3 rd grade as part of	Yes through 3 rd grade as part of aligned standards.	Yes through 3 rd grade as part of aligned standards.	Yes through 3 rd grade as part of aligned standards.

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West Virginia	Yes, the state has comprehensive Pre-K-12 standards for SEL with developmental benchmarks at http://wvde.state.wv.us/healthyschools/ElectronicManual4373New.html#SelfawarenessandSelfmanagement	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
Wisconsin	No	No	No	No	No	No
Wyoming	No	No	No	No	No	No
TOTALS	Only 4/50 states have developed comprehensive standards for SEL with developmental benchmarks, K-12. A total of 11 states have at least some SEL standards that are free-standing, for at least some grades at the K-12 level.	8/50	5/50	5/50	6/50	6/50



Indicates that the state has comprehensive, Pre-K-12 standards with developmental benchmarks for different grades.

Quick Summary/Overview

The following states have comprehensive, free-standing K-12 standards for SEL:

- [Illinois](#)
- [Kansas](#)

- [West Virginia](#)
- (Additional states are in the process of developing)

The following states have comprehensive, free-standing standards for SEL, pre-school through early elementary

- [Connecticut](#) (Kindergarten through grade 3)
- [Idaho](#) (birth to grade 3)
- [Ohio](#) (Kindergarten through grade 3)
- [Massachusetts](#) (Preschool through Kindergarten)
- [Washington](#) (birth to grade 3)