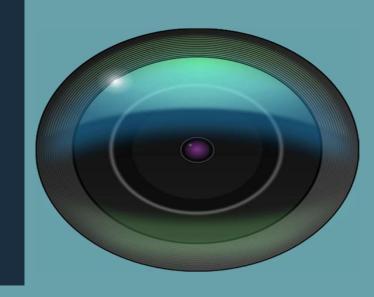


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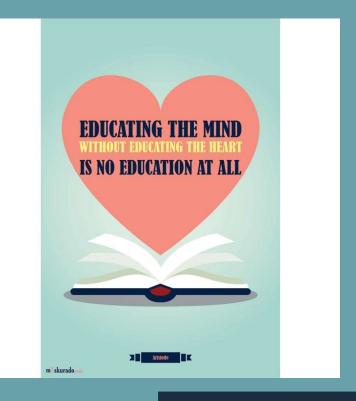


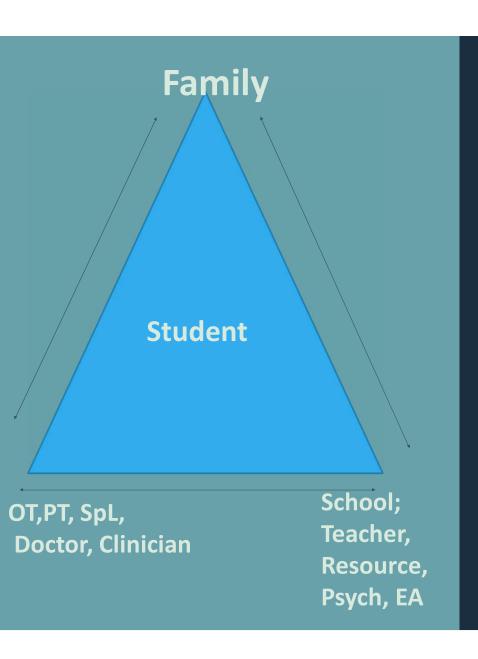
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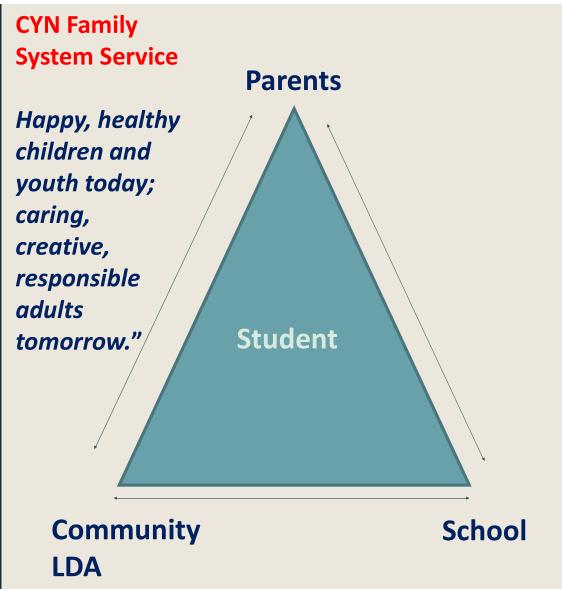
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# **Learning Differently**

Educating the
Heart
As well as the
Mind
Social/Emotional
Learning - SEL







### **Life Success**

### **Cognitive Skills**

- Thinking skills
- Verbal Reasoning
- Visual Spatial Reasoning
- Logics
- Memory (Short term, Long term, Visual, Spatial)
- Processing Speed



### **Non-Cognitive Skills**

- Conscientiousness
- Perseverance
- Mind set
- Self-regulation
- Cooperation/ Collaboration
- Motivation
- Values
- Integrity

# Learning Skills & Work Habits

Responsibility	Organization								
<ul> <li>Fulfils responsibilities and commitments within the learning environment.</li> <li>Completes and submits class work, homework, and assignments according to agreed-upon timelines.</li> <li>Takes responsibility for and manages own behaviour.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Devises and follows a plan and process for completing work and tasks.</li> <li>Establishes priorities and manages time to complete tasks and achieve goals.</li> <li>Identifies, gathers, evaluates, and uses information, technology, and resources to complete tasks.</li> </ul>								
Independent Work	Collaboration								
<ul> <li>Independently monitors, assesses, and revises plans to complete tasks and meet goals.</li> <li>Uses class time appropriately to complete tasks.</li> <li>Follows instructions with minimal supervision.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Accepts various roles and an equitable share of work in a group.</li> <li>Responds positively to the ideas, opinions, values, and traditions of others.</li> <li>Builds healthy peer-to-peer relationships through personal and media-assisted interactions.</li> <li>Works with others to resolve conflicts and build consensus to achieve group goals.</li> <li>Shares information, resources, and expertise, and promotes critical thinking to solve problems and make decisions.</li> </ul>								
Initiative	Self-Regulation								
<ul> <li>Looks for and acts on new ideas and opportunities for learning.</li> <li>Demonstrates the capacity for innovation and a willingness to take risks.</li> <li>Demonstrates curiosity and interest in learning.</li> <li>Approaches new tasks with a positive attitude.</li> <li>Recognizes and advocates appropriately for the rights of self and others.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Sets own individual goals and monitors progress towards achieve them.</li> <li>Seeks clarification or assistance when needed.</li> <li>Assesses and reflects critically on own strengths, needs, and interests.</li> <li>Identifies learning opportunities, choices, and strategies to meet personal needs and achieve goals.</li> <li>Perseveres and makes an effort when responding to challenges</li> </ul>								

# **Essential Questions Each Community Must Answer**

What do we want our children to be, to know, and to be able to do when they graduate?

Happy, healthy children and Youth today; caring, Creative responsible Adults tomorrow



How can the entire community be organized to ensure that all students reach the stated goals?

# The Five Competencies



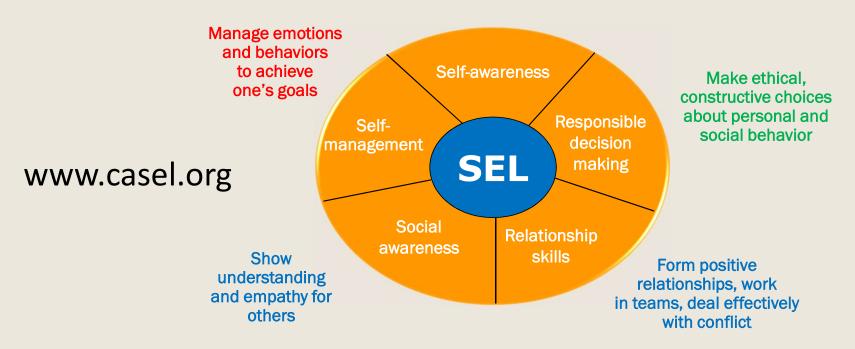
# Why do these matter to us?

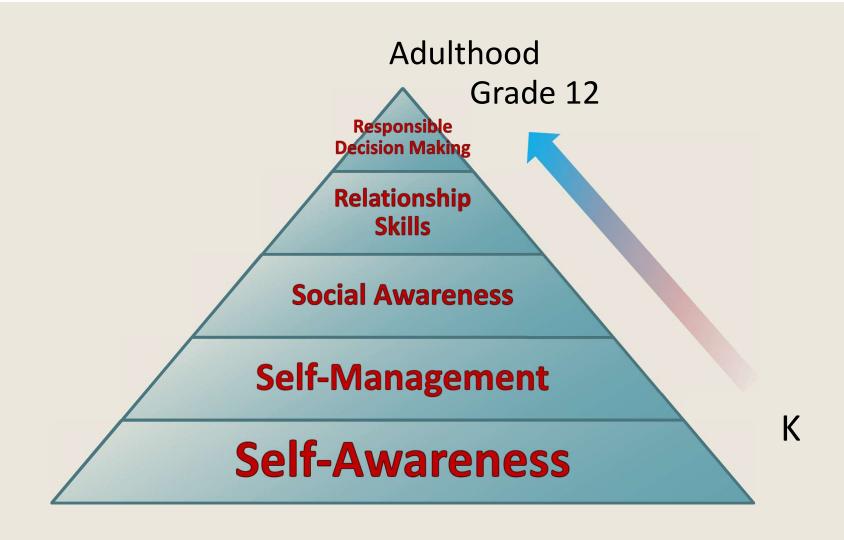


## What is Social and Emotional Learning?

# SEL is a process of acquiring knowledge and skills related to five core competencies:

Recognize one's emotions, values, strengths, and limitations





## **SEL** as a Coordinating Framework

## ...to a better place for kids

- Built on student strengths
- Academic and life success
- Coordinated efforts
- Systemic integration



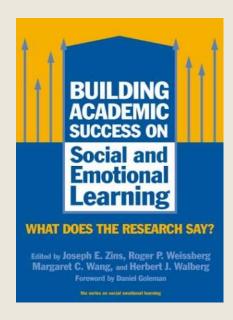
# CASEL Meta-Analysis (213 studies – 270,000 K-12 students)

- 9% improvement in attitudes about self, others, and school
- 23% improvement in social and emotional skills
- 9% improvement in classroom behavior
- 11% improvement in achievement test scores (U of III)
- 9% decrease in conduct problems, such as classroom misbehavior and aggression (U of III)
- 10% decrease in emotional distress, such as anxiety and depression (U of III)



## **SEL Improves Academic Outcomes**

- Attitudes
  - Motivation, commitment
- Behaviors
  - Participation, study habits
- Performance
  - Grades, subject mastery



Source: Zins, Weissberg, Wang, & Walberg (2004). Building Academic Success on Social and Emotional Learning (SEL): What Does the Research Say?

# **Example activity: Smile challenge**

- Make someone smile with your smile
- Try it now! Turn to your neighbor (one is A and one is B)
- A's first
- and try to make them smile or laugh with only your smile



This simple activity involves self-awareness, social awareness and relationship building!

Identifying emotions, being aware of others emotions, and communicating in a non-verbal manner.



# How will we implement SEL?





#### **Decision-Making**



A child's approach to problem solving that involves learning from others and from her/his own previous experiences, using her/his values to guide her/his action, and accepting responsibility for her/his decisions.



#### **Self-Awareness**



A child's realistic understanding of her/his strengths and limitations and consistent desire for self-improvement.



#### **Self-Management**



A child's success in controlling his or her emotions and behaviors, to complete a task or succeed in a new or challenging situation.





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#### **Relationship Skills**



A child's consistent performance of socially acceptable actions that promote and maintain positive connections with others.



### **Optimistic Thinking**



A child's attitude of confidence, hopefulness, and positive thinking regarding herself/himself and her/his life situations in the past, present, and future.

# Personal Responsibility



A child's tendency to be careful and reliable in her/his actions and in contributing to group efforts.

#### APERTURE EDUCATION BRINGING THE WHOLE CHILD INTO POCUS

# Goal-Directed Behavior



A child's initiation of, and persistence n completing, tasks of varying difficulty



#### **Social-Awareness**



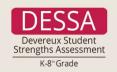
A child's capacity to interact with others in a way that shows respect for their ideas and behaviors, recognizes her/his impact on them, and uses cooperation and tolerance in social situations.



## **Combined Student Group Report: "mini"**

Name	Rating Date	Rating Period	Rater Name	Rater Contact	Social-Emotional Total				
A, Olivia	02/20/2019	Α	Jennifer Robitaille	Teacher	49				
B, Alexander	02/20/2019	A	Jennifer Robitaille	Teacher	34				
B, Tristan	02/20/2019	Α	Jennifer Robitaille	Teacher					
C, Samuel	02/20/2019	Α	Jennifer Robitaille	Teacher	49				
D, Cooper	02/20/2019	A	Jennifer Robitaille	Teacher	59				
D, Stella	02/20/2019	Α	Jennifer Robitaille	Teacher	67				
F, Micah	02/20/2019	Α	Jennifer Robitaille	Teacher	61				
G, Mateo	02/20/2019	Α	Jennifer Robitaille	Teacher	51				
G, Maya	02/20/2019	Α	Jennifer Robitaille	Teacher	29				
H, Ella	02/20/2019	Α	Jennifer Robitaille	Teacher	20				
K, Charles	02/25/2019	Α	Jennifer Robitaille	Teacher	39				
M, Xavier	02/20/2019	Α	Jennifer Robitaille	Teacher	SI SI				
P, Reva	02/20/2019	Α	Jennifer Robitaille	Teacher	55				
R, Alexa	02/20/2019	A	Jennifer Robitaille	Teacher	53				
R, Gabriel	02/20/2019	A	Jennifer Robitaille	Teacher	38				
R, Javier	02/20/2019	Α	Jennifer Robitaille	Teacher	-				
S, Samirah	02/20/2019	Α	Jennifer Robitaille	Teacher	67				
S, Thomas	02/20/2019	Α	Jennifer Robitaille	Teacher	48				
T, Adam	02/20/2019	Α	Jennifer Robitaille	Teacher	49				
T, Avery	02/20/2019	Α	Jennifer Robitaille	Teacher	21				
T, Lily	02/25/2019	Α	Jennifer Robitaille	Teacher	31				
V, Isaac	02/20/2019	Α	Jennifer Robitaille	Teacher	42				
W, Layla	02/20/2019	Α	Jennifer Robitaille	Teacher	51				
Y, Isabella	02/20/2019	A	Jennifer Robitaille	Teacher	53				

# Student Rating Report





Child's Name:	K, Charles						
Gender:	Male						
Birth Date:	4/10/2009						
Age at Rating:	9 Yrs 10 Mos						

Program:	DCRC
Site:	Lincoln Elementary
Group:	4th Grade - Robitaille
Rating Period:	Detailed DESSA Assessment 2018- 2019

Rater Name:	Jennifer Robitaille
Relationship to Child:	Teacher
Date Of Rating:	2/25/2019

#### Score Summary Table

	Personal Responsibility (PR)	Optimistic Thinking (OT)	Goal- Directed Behavior (GB)	Social Awareness (SO)	Decision Making (DM)	Relationship Skills (RS)	Self- Awareness (SA)	Self- Management (SM)	Social- Emotional Composite (SEC)
T-Score	45	49	61	41	31	37	35	32	40
Percentile	31	46	86	18	3	10	7	4	16
Description	Typical	Typical	Strength	Typical	Need	Need	Need	Need	Need



## **Group Rating Report - Universal**

Name	Rating Date	Rating Period	Rater Name	Rater Contact	PR	ОТ	GB	so	DM	RS	SA	SM	SEC
B, Mikayla	10/19/2015	Α	Jennifer Robitaille	Teacher	44	69	30	45	43	44	30	45	43
C, Simon	10/19/2015	Α	Jennifer Robitaille	Teacher	47	40	47	29	48	45	52	43	43
D, Isabella	10/19/2015	Α	Jennifer Robitaille	Teacher	50	51	51	45	48	52	52	69	53
G, Tyler	10/19/2015	Α	Jennifer Robitaille	Teacher	63	30	69	64	65	62	67	66	61
K, Charles	10/19/2015	Α	Jennifer Robitaille	Teacher	45	49	61	41	31	37	35	32	40
K, Michael	10/19/2015	Α	Jennifer Robitaille	Teacher	63	49	29	45	48	53	65	66	53
L, William	10/19/2015	Α	Jennifer Robitaille	Teacher	48	32	28	31	31	46	34	30	33
M, Braedon	10/19/2015	Α	Jennifer Robitaille	Teacher	54	51	51	51	57	54	59	49	54
M, Christina	10/19/2015	Α	Jennifer Robitaille	Teacher	51	49	67	69	65	72	67	68	63
N, Eliza	10/19/2015	Α	Jennifer Robitaille	Teacher	47	45	29	66	46	45	65	44	49
P, Sara	10/19/2015	Α	Jennifer Robitaille	Teacher	50	51	51	54	48	52	44	69	53
X, Jessica	10/19/2015	Α	Jennifer Robitaille	Teacher	54	39	49	56	48	58	40	53	50
Y, Cori	10/19/2015	Α	Jennifer Robitaille	Teacher	50	53	45	41	57	30	48	52	47

What can I do with DESSA and DESSA-HSE data?

Create individual student plans for targeted instruction

 Develop specific behavior plans for IEP and Special Education Students

- Prioritize areas for large group (universal) instruction
- Form balanced small groups or pull out groups
- Progress Monitoring/Outcome Evaluation

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**Student Rating Comparison Report** 







# **APERTURE EDUCATION**

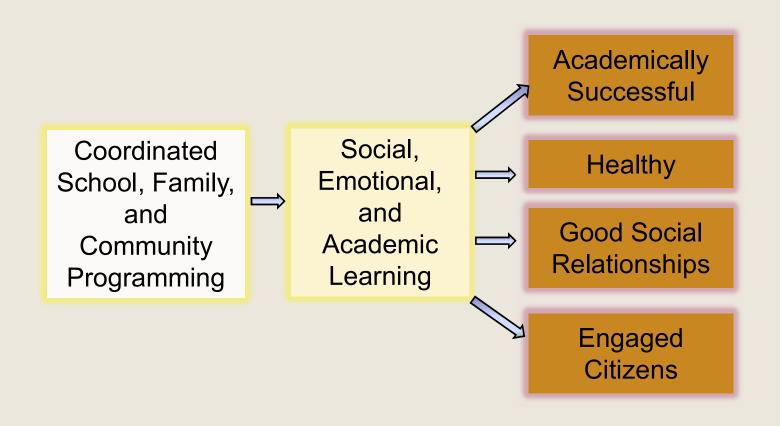
## **Strategies**

### **Classroom Activities**





### SEL Conceptual Framework for Academic, Social, and Emotional Competence



### Take-Home Message & Question

We can not always build the future for our youth, but we can build the youth for our future.

- Franklin D. Roosevelt

What can we do next to improve the lives of millions of school children?

- Roger P. Weissberg

#### SEL Resources (free)

■ (Social emotional Lesson Plans)

https://www.centervention.com/social-emotional-learning-activities/

(Welcome to our free Social Emotional Learning Activities page.)

https://dese.mo.gov/college-career-readiness/school-counseling/curriculum/social-emotional-development-lesson-plans

(Missouri Department of Education. K-12 teaching strategies)

https://www.tnvoices.org/wp-content/uploads/A-Collection-of-Social-Emotional-Lesson-Plans-Website-Version-3-23-20152.pdf

■ A Collection of Social Emotional Lesson Plans & Activities (K-3rd grade)

http://www.casel.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Sample-Teaching-Activities-to-Support-Core-Competencies-8-20-17.pdf

http://www.selresources.com/

Social & Emotional Learning Resource Finder. A collection of social and emotional learning (SEL) resources for educators and other adults who work with children and youth.

https://www.teachspeced.ca/: Click on Mental Health Strategies first and there are a bunch of other associated needs listed below with links to strategies.

https://childmind.org/audience/for-educators/

https://www.understood.org/en/learning-attention-issues/treatments-approaches/educational-strategies/social-emotional-learning-what-you-need-to-know