

# Adopt and implement PreK-12 SEL standards or guidelines

Standards establish developmentally appropriate and culturally responsive benchmarks for SEL and send the message that SEL is a core part of students' education.

*Below you'll find an overview of: WHAT high-quality implementation looks like, WHY it's important, WHEN to engage in this key activity, and WHO to involve. Also see the [PROCESS](#) page for step-by-step guidance on how to engage in the work, and the [RESOURCES](#) page for additional tools to support your efforts.*

## What are SEL standards or guidelines?

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Similar to academic standards for mathematics, science, or language arts, social and emotional learning standards serve as a district's "blueprint" for instruction in SEL. They identify specific goals and benchmarks for student SEL grade by grade and articulate what students should know and be able to do related to SEL.

Strong SEL standards or guidelines:

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Are comprehensive, developmentally appropriate, and culturally responsive.

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Include benchmarks for what all students should know and be able to do from PreK through grade 12.

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Are rolled out with communication and professional learning that orients district and school staff to standards.

*Use the [Rubric](#) to assess your current level of implementation of SEL standards.*

SEL standards differ from academic standards in that they do not imply assessment measures or suggest accountability. It may be helpful to think and talk about them as "learning goals" or "competencies" instead of "standards." Standards can guide the selection of [evidence-based programs](#) and the creation of [professional learning](#) related to SEL. [See examples of SEL standards from across the nation.](#)

**"To develop the standards, we simply asked, 'What is it you wish kids could graduate with? What are the skills you most depend on as an adult?' Those were all the standards we needed."**

– Anchorage School District

## Why does my district need SEL learning standards?

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When clear SEL learning goals and explicit objectives for student learning are in place, district leaders, staff, parents, and community partners can consistently and intentionally create conditions that foster SEL. These goals or standards help establish a common language and developmentally appropriate benchmarks for SEL. Additionally, adopting these kinds of learning goals sends the message that SEL is a district priority and merits instructional focus.

**“The decision to develop standards sooner rather than later had a significant impact on our ability to concretely connect social and emotional learning (SEL) to what occurs in schools on a daily basis. It served as the primary planning document and is the foundation for all of our training. In addition, having multiple stakeholders engaged in the process left us with a strong product that educators own and utilize to improve practice.”**

– Washoe County School District

## **When should my district adopt SEL learning standards?**

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Your district may want to begin adopting learning standards or goals:

- After district leaders, including the board of education, have become familiar with SEL and have identified it as a priority for district time and resources. This includes the introduction of SEL to at least some school staff, parents, and community partners. It also may be helpful to adopt these kinds of goals after the district’s needs and resources assessment, since findings from this process may inform the development.
- Before districtwide adoption of evidence-based programs, instructional practices, or assessments of student SEL competencies. Standards should guide how the district makes decisions about curricula, programming, professional learning, assessment, etc.

## **Who needs to be involved?**

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Ideally your district’s SEL lead will oversee the process of developing or adopting SEL learning goals or standards. You will also want to involve key stakeholders, including those who will play key roles in successful implementation, especially if they have not been previously involved in SEL planning. Consider including some stakeholders who have a solid knowledge of SEL, as well as those whose support your need to ensure the implementation of SEL.

Once you’re ready to pilot your newly developed learning goals, you’ll want to involve teachers and others who will be able to provide feedback on their implementation.

# Process

This process will support the adoption of strong SEL standards or guidelines that are comprehensive, developmentally appropriate, and culturally responsive, and include benchmarks for what all students should know and be able to do from PreK-grade 12. This includes aligning and integrating the SEL standards with academic standards and building staff capacity for using the standards. Use the [Rubric](#) to assess your current level of implementation.

Like much of the SEL implementation process, developing and implementing learning goals is a collaborative effort. You'll want to assemble a work group to develop the standards and gather feedback and input from teachers who implement standards in the classroom. It can also be effective to adapt or adopt learning goals rather than creating your own from scratch.

## 1. Form an SEL standards committee or work group.

First, identify who will lead the SEL standards-writing process. Ideally your district has a designated SEL lead who can direct the process of developing SEL goals. If that's not possible, select someone with a solid understanding of SEL principles who has been involved in district planning discussions, has access to district decision-makers, and has time to lead the process. This person should also be a strong communicator, organized project manager, and excellent consensus builder.

Next, actively recruit diverse stakeholders who will play key roles in successful implementation—those who will teach SEL, provide professional learning on SEL standards, or measure the impact of the SEL standards. Ideally these stakeholders will have at least a foundational level of SEL knowledge.

You may also want to:

- Engage any stakeholders who may challenge the adoption of SEL standards or who need a clearer understanding of how you plan to use these learning goals.
- Recruit a strong editor and writer as part of the group to ensure the resulting learning goals are clear, consistent, organized, and balanced.
- Prioritize finding and engaging educators in your district with experience teaching and integrating SEL. (Findings from the district's [SEL resources and needs assessment](#) can help identify such staff.)
- Create a professional learning session to build baseline knowledge of SEL for committee members, if needed. More [information about developing foundational SEL](#) is available on the CASEL website.

To help ensure that your committee works smoothly while creating your district's SEL standards, it's a good idea to set some norms for their work. It is advisable to:

- Define and clarify the committee's goals, roles, and responsibilities. Conduct a brainstorming session at the first meeting or bring a draft of potential responsibilities and expectations for discussion and feedback. Here are some sample agendas:
  - [Sample Agenda, Standards Steering Committee Introduction Meeting](#)
  - [Washoe County's 2 Day Standards Development Retreat](#)
- Identify a realistic timeline for adopting SEL standards. Include time for writing, editing, gathering input and comments, revising based on feedback, and your district's policy-approval process for formal adoption of the standards.
- Confirm a regular meeting schedule.

- Provide resources and discussion to ensure that members of the committee have a shared understanding of SEL standards. Resources you may wish to use include:
  - [The Case for Preschool through High School State Learning Standards for SEL](#)
  - [CASEL Brief: Key Features of High-Quality SEL Standards](#)

## 2. Review SEL-related frameworks, standards, and learning goals from across your district and other districts and states.

Before launching a new set of standards, it is important to review and coordinate your district's various priorities and initiatives. Consider what else your district is already doing that impacts how students and teachers will engage with SEL standards:

- How does SEL support, align, or enhance those initiatives?
- What [SEL framework](#) best aligns with the team's vision of student development?
- Does your district have other frameworks or standards that intersect or relate to SEL, such as [21st Century Skills](#), [Employability Skills Framework](#), [deeper learning](#), or [competency-based learning](#)?
- Do other standards already incorporate aspects of SEL, such as health or social studies standards?
- What framework do the PreK SEL standards use?

Next, determine whether your state has SEL standards by reviewing [CASEL's State Scan Scorecard Project](#). If your state has SEL standards, review those standards for alignment to your district's vision of SEL.

If your state hasn't established or communicated learning goals for SEL, you can review standards from other states and districts. See [CASEL's summary of state SEL frameworks and standards](#).

Here are standards from some of the districts in CASEL's Collaborating Districts Initiative:

- [Anchorage Public Schools](#)
- [Austin Independent School District](#)
- [Cleveland Metropolitan School District](#)
- [Dupage County School Districts](#)
- [Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools](#)
- [Oakland Unified School District](#) (watch their videos that help teachers assess student growth equitably and in a strengths-based way [here](#) and [here](#))
- [Washoe County School District](#)

For greater context and detail about the district process for developing and using SEL standards, you can take a closer look in these four case studies:

- [Anchorage](#) aligned SEL standards with district academic curricula and strengthened implementation through visibility, modeling, and debriefing.
- [Austin](#) has crosswalked SEL standards with multiple curriculum standards and uses them to guide the design of classroom instruction, professional learning, curriculum adoption, and assessments.
- [Oakland](#) developed standards over the course of a year with a group of teachers, central office administrators and staff, youth, and community members.
- [Washoe County](#) convened key stakeholders to draft standards during a two-day retreat.

### 3. Adapt or draft standards based on your district's vision and needs.

Based on your review and reflection, determine whether you will choose to adopt existing state standards, adapt standards used in other areas, or create new SEL standards. Decide which approach will best meet the needs of your district, align to other priorities, and reflect your district's overall vision for SEL.

If you do not have a compelling reason to draft completely new standards, it can be helpful (and even recommended) to adapt or adopt existing standards either from your state, other states, or other districts that have already implemented standards. If you choose to write your own SEL standards, see [A Process for Developing and Articulating Learning Goals or Competencies for Social and Emotional Learning](#).

See how the Washoe County School District facilitated a workgroup to adapt SEL standards to their district in [Case Study: Washoe County School District SEL Standards Development Process](#)

Regardless of whether you choose to adapt existing goals and standards or create your own standards, ensure that your SEL goals:

- Are aligned with CASEL's [five core competencies](#)
- Are simple, clear, and concise statements about what students should know and be able to do in each of the five SEL core competencies.
- Include developmental benchmarks that are age-appropriate at each grade level or across grade groups (i.e., PreK-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-10, and 11-12) and that demonstrate progression by building on the prior years' standards.
- Are culturally and linguistically relevant for all the students your district serves.
- Align effectively with existing state or district standards.
- Are aligned with any [evidence-based SEL programs](#) your district is already implementing.

### 4. Align drafted SEL standards with your district's academic standards and any instructional practice priorities (e.g., problem-based or project-based learning, cooperative learning).

This alignment ensures that your learning goals connect to current practices and priorities in your district, and can also help you:

- Outline how SEL standards integrate with ongoing academic instruction and support academic skill priorities.
- Address potential concerns among stakeholders and implementers that SEL is "something new" or will require "extra work."
- Continue to communicate that developing SEL is not a "program" but a set of systemic educational practices.

You may also want to consider reviewing documents or programs in your district that already imply some expectations for students' [SEL competencies](#). These could include report cards or progress reports with "behavior" or "civics" indicators, graduation profiles, PBIS or related behavioral expectations, or behavioral codes of conduct.

Connect the learning goals to any evidence-based practices or civics, character, or behavioral education programming currently used in your district. Determine if these are aligned with your chosen standards or if they may need to be changed.

For more information on integrating SEL with academics, district priorities, and policies, see [Key Activity: Integration](#).

## 5. Circulate your draft of SEL standards throughout the district and gather feedback.

Consult your communication plan to identify stakeholders to contact about your learning goals for students related to SEL. Consider engaging key influencers in your community who also serve the district's students, such as out-of-school time staff, clergy, doctors, libraries, and parks/recreation staff.

Along with the drafted standards and benchmarks, be sure to share:

- How SEL learning standards support district goals and priorities, and why the district wants and needs SEL learning standards. Emphasize that they intended to help create consistency and intentionality around SEL rather than measurements for accountability or assessment.
- Why SEL learning goals matter for student achievement.
- Alignment with academic or other standards, practices, or key curricula.
- Anticipated professional learning opportunities that will be available after adoption.
- What additional implementation steps may follow to support the achievement of the SEL learning goals.

Strive for face-to-face communication through meetings and professional learning sessions, especially if SEL is a newer concept in your district. If this isn't possible, use videos, webinars, newsletters, or any existing curriculum management system to help personalize the contact. Solicit feedback and questions from:

- Teachers and school leaders. You may want to facilitate focus groups that encourage teachers and school leaders to explore the standards deeply and offer feedback on how these will standards will impact teaching and learning.
- Families. Engage families in discussing whether the standards reflect their diverse cultures, backgrounds, and the goals that they have for their children. Also use their input to ensure standards are written in language that is engaging and meaningful. Consider whether standards should be translated into the primary home languages represented in your district.
- Students. You may want to elicit feedback through student focus groups or student leadership groups. It's important to gather diverse student perspectives, including students who are not traditionally engaged in leadership roles. Engage students in discussing whether the standards reflect their personal goals, their identities, and what they believe to be important. Also ensure the goals are written in language that is engaging and meaningful to students.
- Community partners. Identify how the standards align to work that community partners are engaged in and ways to create common language between school hours and out-of-school time.

Revise the goals as needed to incorporate stakeholder feedback.

## 6. Pilot the SEL standards before finalizing and formally adopting them districtwide.

We recommend that your district recruit teachers in different academic subjects and across grade levels to pilot or field test the SEL standards. Special education and ELL classrooms should also be included.

During the pilot, ask teachers to incorporate the SEL standards in their lessons plans. Help them prepare to create these lesson plans by reviewing how to build instructional practices to support SEL and share these resources. See [Key Activity: Integration](#)

After the pilot, ask teachers to assess the results of their lesson plans. Which current lessons and teaching practices fit well with the standards? Which standards or subjects don't fit as well and why? Consider any changes to the standards that might be needed as a result of feedback from piloting teachers, and then finalize the standards.

## 7. Formally adopt the standards as district policy.

Request that your board of education or other governing bodies formally adopt the SEL standards.

Prepare a policy statement and complete your district's policy adoption or school board approval process. See an example of a policy from [Oakland United School District](#).

## 8. Plan how your district will implement the new standards.

Depending on the size of your district and your resources, you may choose either to roll out the release in a small set of diverse classrooms or adopt broad implementation.

- If your district is still developing an implementation plan for SEL, you may want to roll out the standards in a small but diverse set of classrooms to inform your implementation process.
- If your district will use evidence-based practice(s) and currently adopted instructional strategies and you have resources available, you may not need to pilot the standards to determine how to handle broad implementation. Even in this case, you may choose gradual implementation involving certain sets of schools, grade levels, or geographic areas each semester or year until the entire district is using the SEL standards.
  - Example: [Anchorage Standards Development Process Description](#)

## 9. Introduce your district's SEL learning goals to stakeholders and implementers and make the standards available for use.

Even if you decide to pilot implementation before a full-scale release, be sure to notify all stakeholders in advance to give them a chance to ask questions and make recommendations.

Be sure to communicate with:

- Principals
- Teachers
- Parents
- Students
- Union leaders
- Department heads
- School board members

Here are some topics you should consider communicating about:

- How the standards were developed and how feedback was gathered and incorporated.
- How staff will be supported in implementing the standards (e.g., upcoming professional learning opportunities, webinars, curriculum adoption, etc.). If this is still under development, let staff know where to direct their questions or suggestions as the plan develops.
- Expectations, including a timeline for use of the SEL standards by principals, teachers, and other relevant

stakeholder groups.

Offer teachers the opportunity to develop SEL-integrated lesson plans or compare the SEL standards with existing curricula.

You'll also want to integrate SEL standards into your district's learning standards materials, especially in web portals and any curricular management system(s).

More specific guidance on how to implement SEL standards can be found in [Key Activity: Evidence-Based Programs](#) and [Key Activity: Integration](#).

Here is an example of ways to communicate about SEL standards:

- Oakland released their SEL standards as a set of SEL competencies posters in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) with instructions on [How to Use the SEL Competencies Posters](#)

## 10. Review and revise SEL standards periodically.

After at least one semester of implementation, assess awareness and use of the SEL standards. Here are some ways to assess awareness:

- Use various methods (e.g., surveys, standards meetings, etc.) to gauge awareness and monitor the degree to which the standards are integrated into the planning and delivery of classroom instruction.
- Consider organizing an SEL Learning Walk to identify the application of standards in piloting classrooms. Here is an example [protocol](#) and [observation tool](#) from Anchorage Public Schools.

Revisit your district's SEL standards a few years after the initial adoption and plan time for revisions as needed. When revisiting standards:

- Gather feedback from teachers on the existing standards with questions such as:
  - Are the standards clear?
  - Are the standards effective?
  - What would you add to, change in, or remove from the standards and why?
  - What additional tools or training, if any, do you need to support implementation? (If possible, use focus groups for optimal feedback or surveys if focus groups are not an option.)
- Modify your district's SEL standards as needed to improve clarity, alignment to academic standards, curricula, and key district strategies.
- Amend the district's policy if needed and communicate the modifications broadly.



# Resources

Below, you'll find resources to help adopt and implement SEL standards.

## See how districts have strategized and planned to adopt SEL standards

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#### [Case Study: Washoe County School District Process for Developing SEL Standards](#)

Washoe's process for developing SEL standards, including useful artifacts from the 2 day retreat where they were written by a team of educators.

**SOURCE: Washoe County School District**

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#### [Case Study: Oakland Unified School District Process for Developing SEL Standards](#)

Oakland's SEL standards and classroom indicator examples, contextual information on how they were developed and how they are assessed.

**SOURCE: Oakland Unified School District**

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#### [Case Study: Austin Independent School District Process for Developing SEL Standards](#)

SEL standards from Austin and contextual information on how they are used and measured.

**SOURCE: Austin Independent School District**

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#### [Case Study: Anchorage Public Schools Process for Developing SEL Standards](#)

SEL standards and a description of Anchorage's process of developing them, piloting their use, and bringing them to scale district-wide.

**SOURCE: Anchorage Public Schools**

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## [SEL Alignment Tools](#)

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction invited SEL program providers to share crosswalks to show the alignment between their evidence-based programs and Wisconsin's SEL standards. This page includes information about each program, alignment charts, and webinars to introduce program consultants.

**SOURCE: Wisconsin DPI**

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## Find ready-to-use tools

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#### [Responsible Decision Making \(video\)](#)

CASEL and the Montgomery County Educational Service Center collaborated on this video to describe the competency of responsible decision making. Children can make responsible decisions by developing the ability to analyze a situation, understand its ethical implications, and evaluate the consequences. Parents and educators can help students learn to think through all parts of a problem and encourage them to make decisions on their own.

**SOURCE: CASEL and the Montgomery County ESC**

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#### [Relationship Skills \(video\)](#)

CASEL and the Montgomery County Educational Service Center collaborated on this video to describe the competency of relationship skills. Communication, cooperation and the ability to successfully resolve conflicts are key to successful relationships. Educators can help students develop these skills by working together in groups and discussing roles. Parents can support their children by spending time with them and encouraging communication.

**SOURCE: CASEL and the Montgomery County ESC**

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#### [Social Awareness \(video\)](#)

CASEL and the Montgomery County Educational Service Center collaborated on this video to describe the competency of social awareness. Children can develop social awareness and learn empathy by putting themselves in another's shoes. Tips for parents include helping children to recognize emotions, appreciate diversity and show respect for others.

**SOURCE: CASEL and the Montgomery County ESC**

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### [Self Management \(video\)](#)

CASEL and the Montgomery County Educational Service Center collaborated on this video to describe the competency of self management. Students can learn to manage their feelings and turn them into positive actions. Adults can help by creating a calm and regulated environment, showing how to manage impulses, and discussing ways to resolve conflicts.

**SOURCE: CASEL and the Montgomery County**

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### [Self Awareness \(video\)](#)

CASEL and the Montgomery County Educational Service Center collaborated on this video to describe the competency of self-awareness. Parents can help children develop self awareness by being honest about their own emotions. Educators can help by teaching the vocabulary of emotions, modeling behavior, and supporting students as they grow in self-awareness.

**SOURCE: CASEL and the Montgomery County**

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### [State Scan Scorecard Project](#)

Use CASEL's map to find information and links to SEL standards or guidelines in all 50 states.

**SOURCE:**

**CASEL**

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### [Standards Development Steering Committee Agenda](#)

CASEL's sample agenda for a district-level meeting to introduce the project of developing district SEL standards.

**SOURCE:**

**CASEL**

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[SEL leadership](#) [youth voice](#)

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### [The Collaborating States Initiative \(CSI\) Recommended Process for Developing State Policies and Guidelines to Support Social and Emotional Learning](#)

AIR and CASEL's guide for State Education Agencies to develop, implement, and sustain SEL policies and guidelines. This document provides the "big picture", other related documents provide detail for specific action steps.

**SOURCE:**

**AIR**

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### [Key Features of High-Quality Standards for SEL](#)

American Institutes for Research and CASEL's guidance for State Education Agencies on developing SEL policies and guidelines, with examples from other states.

**SOURCE:**

**AIR**

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professional learning planning

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### [Illinois SEL Standards and Toolkit](#)

The State of Illinois's webpage with SEL standards by grade band, performance descriptors by grade level, posters, and a classroom collaboration kit.

**SOURCE: Illinois**

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elementary school grades PK-12

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### [Developing and Articulating Learning Goals or Competencies for Social and Emotional Learning](#)

American Institutes for Research and CASEL teamed up to create this guide for developing SEL standards. Includes a definition of terms and guidance for setting up a writing team and articulating learning goals.

**SOURCE:**

**AIR**

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### [Minneapolis SEL Competencies Posters](#)

This poster set from Minneapolis Public Schools describes why each of 5 SEL competence areas are important and provides "I statements" for each.

**SOURCE: Minneapolis Public Schools**

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responsible decision making SEL competence classroom level

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### [Mapping SEL to Common Core](#)

Four clear ways that SEL standards complement Common Core standards.

**SOURCE: Oakland Unified School**

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### [Oakland SEL Competencies Posters for Classrooms](#)

This poster set illustrating the 5 SEL competencies were distributed by Oakland's team to all schools, along with suggested activities for introducing each poster/concept to a classroom community.

**SOURCE: Oakland Unified School**

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## RELATED RESOURCES

### [Oakland SEL Competencies Posters for Classrooms \(Spanish\)](#)

This poster set illustrating the 5 SEL competencies were distributed by Oakland's team to all schools, along with suggested activities for introducing each poster/concept to a classroom community.

**SOURCE: Oakland Unified School**

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responsible decision making SEL competence SEL overview advisory/homeroom  
communications classroom level

### [Classroom Guide for using the SEL Competencies Posters](#)

Oakland produced a set of classroom posters featuring the 5 SEL competencies, and provided this guide for teachers to build learning experiences around each poster.

**SOURCE: Oakland Unified School**

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relationship skills responsible decision making SEL competence SEL overview  
advisory/homeroom communications instructional practices classroom level

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See artifacts shared by districts and schools

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### [Sacramento City Core Competencies and Indicators for SEL](#)

Sacramento City Unified School District's motto for SEL is "We Are. We Belong. We Can." Their standards include the 5 core competencies and add Growth Mindset as a sixth component.

**SOURCE: Sacramento City Unified School**

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### [Dallas PreK-Adult Social and Emotional Learning Standards](#)

Dallas' SEL standards build from CASEL's 5 core competencies.

**SOURCE: Dallas Independent School**

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### [Oakland's SEL Standards and Student Report Card Introduction – Part 1 \(Video\)](#)

Video from Oakland to help teachers complete the SEL part of the report card for each student. Focus is on assessing students equitably and in a strengths-based way. For the 1st marking period, teachers completed the section on self-management and relationship skills.

**SOURCE: Oakland Unified School**

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### RELATED RESOURCES

#### [Oakland's SEL Standards and Student Report Card Introduction – Part 2 \(Video\)](#)

Video from Oakland to help teachers complete the SEL part of the report card for each student. Focus is on assessing students equitably and in a strengths-based way. For the 2nd marking period, teachers completed the section on self-awareness and social awareness.

**SOURCE: Oakland Unified School**

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[equity](#) [teacher training](#)

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### [Cleveland's SEL Standards and Scope and Sequence \(PK-12\)](#)

Cleveland's scope and sequence provides early and late quarter SEL goals for each grade level PK-12.

**SOURCE: Cleveland Metropolitan School**

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[elementary school grades](#) [PK-12](#)

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### [Oakland School Board Policy on SEL](#)

Policy stating that SEL underlies all district priorities in Oakland, and intent to implement SEL standards, change the mission statement, provide PD, adopt curricula, and measure SEL growth.

**SOURCE: Oakland Unified School**

**District**

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[culture and climate](#) [professional learning](#) [integrate with district priorities](#) [SEL leadership](#)

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### [Washoe County SEL Standards](#)

SEL standards and indicators from Washoe County.

**SOURCE: Washoe County School**

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## RELATED RESOURCES

### [Washoe County SEL Standards – Language for Primary Grades](#)

Washoe County School District adapted their SEL standards to make them more accessible in early childhood settings.

**SOURCE: Washoe County School District**

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### [Naperville K-12 SEL Standards Rubric](#)

Naperville's rubric descriptors for their SEL standards, articulating beginning, approaching, secure, and exemplary demonstration of each standard.

**SOURCE: Naperville Community Unit School District 203**

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### [Oakland PK-Adult SEL Standards](#)

Oakland's SEL standards, which have been enhanced to prioritize equity and respect for diversity.

**SOURCE: Oakland Unified School District**

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### [New Jersey SEL Competencies and Subcompetencies](#)

The State of New Jersey has adopted CASEL's 5 core SEL competencies, and articulates sub-competencies for each in this poster.

**SOURCE: New Jersey DOE**

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### [Nashville K-12 SEL Standards \(I Can Statements\)](#)

Nashville's "I Can" statements differentiated for each grade K-12, and categorized by the 5 core SEL competencies.

**SOURCE: Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools**

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### [CDI District Standards](#)

Links to SEL standards adopted by 9 districts within the Collaborating Districts Initiative.

**SOURCE: CASEL**

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### [DuPage County K-8 SEL Standards](#)

DuPage County's SEL standards, differentiated for each grade level K-8 and categorized within the 5 core SEL competencies.

**SOURCE: DuPage County School Districts**

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### [Austin K-12 SEL Standards](#)

Austin's SEL standards and student expectations, differentiated by grade band.

**SOURCE: Austin Independent School District**

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### [Anchorage PK-12 SEL Standards](#)

Anchorage SEL standards with student-friendly "I" statements for each, based around 4 goals of self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, and social management.

**SOURCE: Anchorage Public Schools**

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Find resources to help you learn more on this topic

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#### [What Does Evidence-Based Instruction in Social and Emotional Learning Actually Look Like in Practice?](#)

This brief answers the question: What do school staff actually do in the classroom and school to help students achieve the goals laid out in SEL standards? Describes 4 approaches that together form a comprehensive plan.

**SOURCE:**

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#### [The Case for PreSchool through High School State Learning Standards for SEL](#)

Chapter providing a research review about the importance of state SEL standards for all grade levels, components of high quality standards, examples from states, and areas of overlap with other standards.

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