The Rising Role of Social Emotional Learning

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Underestimating SEL: Common Misconceptions

SEL is a brand new concept

SEL does not fit into the new emphasis on STEM education

SEL is just the new Character Development curriculum

SEL is just to develop “soft skills”

SEL is a stand-alone subject and curriculum
In the News...

Social And Emotional Skills: Everybody Loves Them, But Still Can’t Define Them

What Is Social and Emotional Learning, and How Can It Save Students’ Lives?

This school isn’t just about academics. The emotional and physical health of kids matters too.
Social and Emotional Learning is:

• Research-based
• Embedded in teaching practice
• Essential for whole child education
CEOs acknowledge the skills gap is not just related to a lack of academic knowledge.

Governors are uniquely positioned to connect gaps in the workforce back to education, and ensure a seamless pipeline from early childhood through college and career.

Ensuring education of the whole child, including Social-Emotional Learning, is essential to increasing employability of the future workforce.
The landscape for state SEL policies and guidance is dynamic and expanding since 2004.

- **2004** – IL K-12 SEL standards approved. CASEL was part of the state work group.

- **2010**
  - CASEL launched the Collaborating District Initiative
  - CASEL launched the State Scorecard project

- **2015**:
  - > 50 states > pre-school SEL.
  - 7 states > pre-school through early elementary SEL competencies
  - 4 states > K-12 SEL competencies
  - 4 states provide K-12 guidance on SEL on their websites

- **2016** – CASEL launched the Collaborating States Initiative.

- **2017**
  - At least 9 states provide K-12 guidance on SEL on their websites
  - 8 additional states > developing K-12 competencies and guidance for SEL, as part of the CSI.