SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING



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Social Emotional Learning (SEL) is the way in which human beings learn to manage and process emotions and interact with each other in various relationships throughout their lives. SEL is the process through which people gain the skills of self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, decision making, & relationship skills. The stronger a person is in these skills the more successful they will be academically, socially & professionally.



What are the **BENEFITS** of Social Emotional Learning?

Data shows that large numbers of students face significant social, emotional and mental barriers that prevent them from succeeding in school and life. These barriers often lead to students engaging in risky behaviors such as alcohol and drug use, violence and bullying and risky sexual behaviors. This leads to students disengagement from school. Research shows that students who participate in SEL programs not only perform better academically but they are also less likely to engage in risky behaviors.

How does Social Emotional Learning CONNECT to career success?

SEL skills gained during the PK through high school years will serve children long past their HSD years. Students at HSD will gain employability skills such as problem-solving, teamwork and critical thinking. These skills have been identified by today's employers and educators as important for success in both career and college opportunities.

