

Social, Emotional, and Academic Development

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What we know about social, emotional, and academic development.



Nine out of ten

teachers believe social and emotional skills can be taught and that it benefits students.¹

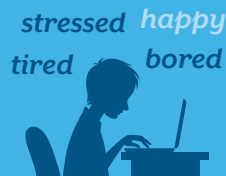


Four in five

teachers want more support to address students' social and emotional development.¹

75% of the words

students use to describe how they feel at school are negative. Students most commonly report they are tired, stressed, and bored.²



Integrating social and emotional development improves students' attitudes and engagement.³



Growth in occupations

that require the mastery of social and emotional skills has outpaced growth of all other occupations.⁴



Eight in ten employers say social and emotional skills are the **most important to success**

and yet are also the hardest skills to find.⁵

Social and emotional competency is at least as predictive of academic and career achievement as is IQ.⁶



Supporting students' social and emotional development produces an **11-percentage-point gain** in grades and test scores.³



Social and emotional skills help to build cognitive skills. They **help students learn academic content** and apply their knowledge.⁷



After paying for college, the next

biggest concern among parents

is their children's social and emotional well-being.⁸

Attention to social and emotional development is not only valuable in early childhood.

Sustaining a focus on social and emotional growth through adolescence is crucial for improving achievement and outcomes beyond school.⁹



Integrating social and emotional development with academic learning returns

\$11 for every \$1 invested.¹⁰

High social and emotional competency...



Increases high school graduation rates, postsecondary enrollment, postsecondary completion, employment rates, and average wages.¹¹

Decreases dropout rates, school and classroom behavior issues, drug use, teen pregnancy, mental health problems, and criminal behavior.¹¹



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