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of Social Emotional Learning

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HOW SEL FOOLS PARENTS INTO COMPLIANCE



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As defined by the radical organization CASEL

We define social and emotional learning (SEL) as an integral part of education and human development. SEL is the process through which all young people and adults acquire and apply the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to develop healthy identities, manage emotions and achieve personal and collective goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain supportive relationships, and make responsible and caring decisions.

SEL advances educational equity and excellence through authentic school-family-community partnerships to establish learning environments and experiences that feature trusting and collaborative relationships, rigorous and meaningful curriculum and instruction, and ongoing evaluation. SEL can help address various forms of inequity and empower young people and adults to co-create thriving schools and contribute to safe, healthy, and just communities.

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SEL is designed to educate the "whole child" which means academic, cognitive, ethical, physical, psychological, social and emotional development. The creators of SEL argue that schools are the BEST place where it is possible to surround children with meaningful adults and behavioral standards.

"SEL advances educational equity"

Equity implies that an individual may need to experience or receive something different (not equal) in order to maintain fairness and access. SEL is based on the belief that invisible systems of power and privilege hold some people back in often invisible ways because of their race, gender, sexuality, or other marginalized identity factors. Therefore, "equity" requires giving some identity groups privileges in order to redress (redistribute resources) the perceived systemic imbalance.

"and excellence through authentic school-family-community partnerships to establish learning environments and experiences"

SEL requires a culture shift which places emphasis on emotions, identity, and power which conditions children to view the world the same way.

"that feature trusting and collaborative relationships,"

SEL advocates for collectivism where the individual is seen as being subordinate to a social collectivity such as a state, a nation, a race, or a social class. Collectivism emphasizes relationships, interdependence within a community, collaboration, and cooperative learning.

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"rigorous and meaningful curriculum and instruction,"

The word rigorous is in reference to the term "rigorous education" or "academic rigor" which is a method of learning that places emphasis on culture and experience to challenge or validate a students understanding of an issue or topic. Academic rigor is a process that combines neuroscience and culture to foster a critical consciousness. The goal is to create an understanding that we live in a systemically oppressive country dominated by white supremacy.

"and ongoing evaluation."

The evaluation process is a continuous cycle of collecting mental health data from the students to evaluate how the thought reform process is going and make data-informed decisions on what changes need to be made to reach their goal.

"SEL can help address various forms of inequity and empower young people and adults"

SEL will teach everyone America is systemically racist/oppressive and train them to be social justice activists.

"to co-create thriving schools and contribute to safe, healthy, and just communities."

SEL success means a world that abides by the rules of political correctness and social justice. A just community is one that uses wealth distribution to make everyone the same.

CALL TO ACTION

Inform 3 parents in your circle that are still under the impression that SEL is "just about teaching kindness and managing emotions" and use this guide as a basis for your conversation.

