

# SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING

*This year, the Skills & Behavior section of the Elementary Report Card has been updated to integrate the five Social and Emotional Learning Competencies. This framework was developed by the Collaborative for Academic and Social Emotional Learning (CASEL) and shown by research to have a major impact on both academic and behavioral success.*

## WHY IS SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING IMPORTANT?

Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) enhances students' capacity to integrate skills, attitudes, and behaviors to deal effectively and ethically with daily tasks and challenges. These skills are applicable to all LPS students in their home, school and community environments and ultimately improve lifetime outcomes. Research has shown that SEL results in positive school-based outcomes such as:

- Improved attitudes about self, others and school
- Increased connectedness to the school environment
- Positive classroom/learning behavior
- Improved academic performance

## HOW DO LPS SCHOOLS TEACH SEL SKILLS?

Social and Emotional Learning competencies are integrated throughout the school day. Specific SEL curriculum used in LPS such as [Second Step](#) and [In-Focus](#) align with the Colorado Academic Standards. In addition, specific school-based lessons may be developed by each the Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) team.

We encourage you to contact your child's school directly for more information about the programs and services available or visit the LPS website.



## WHAT IF I'M CONCERNED ABOUT MY CHILD'S SOCIAL EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT?

- Visit [www.parenttoolkit.com](http://www.parenttoolkit.com) for helpful information and tips about child development.
- Reach out to your child's teacher, building administrator or the mental health professional in your school. This may include a counselor, psychologist and/or social worker.
- See the [LPS website](#) for a list of helpful resources for parents and ways to access support in the community.
- If you have immediate safety or mental health concerns, call 9-1-1, access [Colorado Crisis Services](#) at 1-844-493-8255 or text TALK to 38255 or contact the LPS 24 hour Security Department at (303)347-3420.

