

INSTRUCTION

Student Social and Emotional Development

Student social and emotional development shall be incorporated in the district's educational program and shall be consistent with the social and emotional development standards to be contained in the Illinois Learning Standards. The objectives for addressing the needs of students for social and emotional development through the educational programs are to:

1. Enhance student' school readiness, academic success and use of good citizenship skills;
2. Foster a safe, supportive learning environment where students feel respected and valued;
3. Teach social and emotional skills to all students;
4. Partner with families and the community to promote students' social and emotional development; and
5. Prevent or minimize mental health problems in students.

LEGAL REF: Children's Mental Health Act of 2003, 405 ILCS 49/1 et seq.

CROSS REF: 6:270 (*Guidance and Counseling Program*), 7:100 (*Health Examinations, Immunizations and Exclusion of Students*), 7:250 (*Student Support*)

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