

Second Step® Elementary is a research-based social-emotional learning (SEL) program designed to improve students' social-emotional skills, including growth mindset, goal-setting, emotion management, kindness and empathy, and problem-solving.

Studies show that these skills can support students' school performance, increase positive social behaviors, and reduce conduct problems such as bullying.^{1,2} SEL programs can also create positive classroom and school climates.³

Second Step Elementary is taught in the classroom, to all students, and helps students develop a common set of skills and strategies that can be practiced, used, and reinforced throughout the school community, including at home.

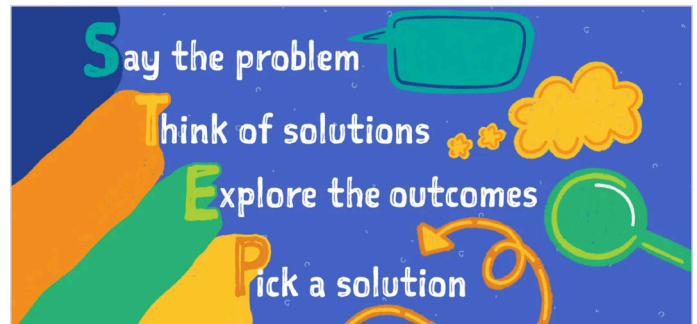
- Unit 1: Growth Mindset & Goal-Setting**
- Unit 2: Emotion Management**
- Unit 3: Empathy & Kindness**
- Unit 4: Problem-Solving**

Kindergarten–Grade 5

- **1 lesson per week**
- **5 lessons per unit**
- **Total: 20 lessons per grade**



Kindergarten, Unit 2, Lesson 9 | We Can Feel Calm



Grade 4, Unit 4, Lesson 16 | A Good Problem-Solver

How do students and schools benefit from SEL?

INCREASE	
• Academic perseverance	• Positive relationships
• Prosocial behavior	• Positive school climate

DECREASE	
• Classroom management issues	• Peer rejection
• Peer conflicts	• Emotional distress

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