



ALIGNMENT CHART

Anchorage School District Social and Emotional Learning Standards

■ Second Step® High School

About Second Step® High School

Second Step High School is a research-based social-emotional learning (SEL) program for Grades 9–12. It includes pathways with practices for school leaders and educators that are designed to help create a positive school climate, strengthen social-emotional skills, and encourage students to develop adaptive mindsets for navigating adolescence successfully. Supplemental classroom-based student activities reinforce skills students build from the schoolwide and educator practices and offer them further opportunities to learn and apply emerging social-emotional skills. The practices in this program involve the entire school community and are intended to produce positive schoolwide change.

How the Program Meets Anchorage School District Standards

The following tables indicate which specific Second Step High School practices and activities can help students develop the knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to meet the Anchorage School District Social and Emotional Learning Standards. Boxes are checked to indicate that Second Step High School meets a given district standard within the identified grade or grade band (for instance, Grades 9–10) when:

1. Students have clear opportunities to actively process the knowledge or practice the skills described in the standard through discussion, writing, drawing, or other related activities
2. There are opportunities for school leaders and educators to gather evidence of student learning in relation to the standards



Grade 9

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Key Skills and Concepts											
Pathway 1: Belonging & Connection			Pathway 2: Confidence & Capability			Pathway 3: Agency & Opportunity			Pathway 4: Well-Being & Community		
Standard	1A Students demonstrate awareness of their emotions	1B Students demonstrate awareness of their personal traits	1C Students demonstrate awareness of their external supports	1D Students have a sense of personal responsibility	2A Students demonstrate ability to manage emotions constructively	2B Students can demonstrate honesty and integrity	2C Students use effective decision-making skills	2D Students demonstrate ability to set and achieve goals	3A Students demonstrate awareness of other people's emotions and perspectives	3B Students demonstrate consideration for others and a desire to positively contribute to their community	3C Students demonstrate an awareness of cultural issues and a respect for human dignity and differences
Self Awareness	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Self Management	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Social Awareness	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Social Management	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓



Grade 10

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Key Skills and Concepts										
Pathway 1: Belonging & Connection										
Pathway 2: Confidence & Capability										
Pathway 3: Agency & Opportunity										
Pathway 4: Well-Being & Community										
Co-creating shared expectations that contribute to belonging										
Using voice to make change in the school community										
Examining effective ways to communicate digitally										
Connecting and collaborating with peers to build community										
Communicating effectively and sincerely with educators										
Participating in defining success criteria										
Persisting to master learning objectives										
Using feedback and resources to meet success criteria										
Applying knowledge of what is in your control to anticipate obstacles when pursuing a goal										
Using strategies to challenge negative thinking										
Directing learning by making choices about what and how to learn										
Applying collaborative routines and protocols during academic discussions										
Providing educators with actionable feedback to improve learning conditions										
Identifying and appreciating strengths										
Understanding how strengths can affect relationships										
Experimenting with personally relevant topics and interests										
Identifying when mind breaks are necessary and using them to improve engagement and performance										
Fostering, sharing, and visualizing positive emotions										
Reframing difficult situations by using positive self-talk										
Navigating strong emotions by practicing gratitude										
Demonstrating strategies to create a culture of inclusion, recognition, and value, such as becoming more involved in the school community										
Practicing gratitude regularly										
Standard										
Self Awareness	1A Students demonstrate awareness of their emotions									
	1B Students demonstrate awareness of their personal traits									
	1C Students demonstrate awareness of their external supports									
	1D Students have a sense of personal responsibility	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Self Management	2A Students demonstrate ability to manage emotions constructively									
	2B Students can demonstrate honesty and integrity		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	2C Students use effective decision-making skills	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	2D Students demonstrate ability to set and achieve goals	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Social Awareness	3A Students demonstrate awareness of other people's emotions and perspectives	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	3B Students demonstrate consideration for others and a desire to positively contribute to their community	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	3C Students demonstrate an awareness of cultural issues and a respect for human dignity and differences	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	3D Students can read social cues	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Social Management	4A Students use positive communication and social skills to interact effectively with others	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	4B Students develop constructive relationships	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	4C Students demonstrate the ability to prevent, manage, and resolve interpersonal conflicts constructively									



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Key Skills and Concepts											
Pathway 1: Belonging & Connection					Pathway 2: Confidence & Capability			Pathway 3: Agency & Opportunity		Pathway 4: Well-Being & Community	
Co-creating shared expectations that contribute to belonging					Using voice to make change in the school community						
Connecting and collaborating with peers to build community					Communicating effectively and sincerely with educators						
Learning and practicing relationship-repair strategies					Participating in defining success criteria						
Persisting to master learning objectives					Expanding and using social networks						
Using feedback and resources to meet success criteria											
Applying strategies for overcoming negative thoughts											
Applying reframing strategies to overcome obstacles											
Directing learning by making choices about what and how to learn											
Applying collaborative routines and protocols during academic discussions											
Providing educators with actionable feedback to improve learning conditions											
Identifying and appreciating strengths											
Understanding how collective strengths contribute to the school community											
Experimenting with personally relevant topics and interests											
Identifying when mind breaks are necessary and using them to improve engagement and performance											
Navigating strong emotions using self-compassion											
Reframing difficult situations by using positive self-talk											
Understanding that what is considered "normal" can vary from person to person											
Demonstrating compassion for others											
Demonstrating strategies to create a culture of inclusion, recognition, and value, such as becoming more involved in the school community											
Practicing gratitude regularly											



Grade 12

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Key Skills and Concepts											
Pathway 1: Belonging & Connection				Pathway 2: Confidence & Capability				Pathway 3: Agency & Opportunity			
Co-creating shared expectations that contribute to belonging				Using voice to make change in the school community				Persisting to master learning objectives			
Connecting and collaborating with peers to build community				Demonstrating ways to avoid making assumptions about others				Using feedback and resources to meet success criteria			
Communicating effectively and sincerely with educators				Participating in defining success criteria				Applying strategies for overcoming negative thoughts			
Using voice to make change in the school community								Applying reframing strategies to overcome obstacles			
Demonstrating ways to avoid making assumptions about others								Expanding and using social networks			
Participating in defining success criteria								Directing learning by making choices about what and how to learn			
Persisting to master learning objectives									Applying collaborative routines and protocols during academic discussions		
Using feedback and resources to meet success criteria									Providing educators with actionable feedback to improve learning conditions		
Applying strategies for overcoming negative thoughts									Identifying and appreciating strengths		
Applying reframing strategies to overcome obstacles									Understanding how collective strengths contribute to the school community		
Expanding and using social networks									Experimenting with personally relevant topics and interests		
Directing learning by making choices about what and how to learn									Identifying when mind breaks are necessary and using them to improve engagement and performance		
Applying collaborative routines and protocols during academic discussions									Navigating strong emotions using self-compassion		
Providing educators with actionable feedback to improve learning conditions									Reframing difficult situations by using positive self-talk		
Identifying and appreciating strengths									Demonstrating compassion for self and others		
Understanding how collective strengths contribute to the school community									Demonstrating strategies to create a culture of inclusion, recognition, and value, such as becoming more involved in the school community		
Experimenting with personally relevant topics and interests									Practicing gratitude regularly		
Identifying when mind breaks are necessary and using them to improve engagement and performance											
Navigating strong emotions using self-compassion											
Reframing difficult situations by using positive self-talk											
Demonstrating compassion for self and others											
Demonstrating strategies to create a culture of inclusion, recognition, and value, such as becoming more involved in the school community											
Practicing gratitude regularly											