





ALIGNMENT CHART

California Transformative Social and Emotional Learning Competencies

■ Second Step® High School

About Second Step® High School

Second Step High School is a research-based 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 human 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 human skills. The practices in this program involve the entire school community and are intended to produce positive schoolwide change.

How the Program Meets the California Competencies

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 California Transformative Social and Emotional Learning Competencies. Boxes are checked to indicate that Second Step High School meets a given state competency within the identified grade or grade band (for instance, Grades 9–10) when:

- Students have clear opportunities to actively process the knowledge or practice the skills described in the competency 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 competencies



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sion-Makin	, J	5.E.4. Students recognize their role as civic-minded members of a democratic society. Students engage in civil discourse about current events and engage in advocacy and actions that promote care and community well-being.	•	~	~	~			~					~	•				~			~	~	~	•
Responsible Decision-Making	Agency	5.F.4. Students demonstrate higher-order thinking skills (e.g., critical thinking, cognitive flexibility, analysis, integration) and show discernment, use of facts, and thoughtfulness in their decision-making. Students apply critical thinking in all aspects of their life and relationships, including interactions online.	•	V	~	~		•	~	~	~	~	~	V	•	~	~	~	~	v			~	~	•
<u> </u>		5.G.4. Students reliably and proactively anticipate the consequences of their actions. Students demonstrate complex understanding of the interconnected impacts of one's choices and demonstrate accountability for their actions.	~	V	V	✓	v	~	✓	V	V	✓	~	~	✓	~	V	v	V	V	•	V	V	V	•

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	Identity	1.B.4. Students accurately label and understand their feeling states and can embrace strong emotions without judgment.																		~	•	•		~	~	
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reness		1.D.4. Students are regularly identifying and interrupting their own prejudices and implicit biases and reflecting on the impact on others.			•		•																•		~	
Self-Awaren	Belonging	1.E.4. Students can assess and analyze areas of need in their community and make a plan to contribute. Students can reflect on the quality and impact of their community service and civic engagement.		~												~									~	
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	Identity	2.C.4. Students recognize the challenges of adverse life situations and the intersection of systems of injustice. Students leverage collective efficacy to cultivate resilience and hope.	✓		~	~		~							~	•	~						~			•
	Belonging	2.D.4. Students engage in regular constructive feedback loops with their peers and adults. Students can listen to critical feedback with an openness to learning and offer authentic, specific, culturally appropriate feedback that is supportive and nonjudgmental.		•		•	•				V				•	•				•						
ement		2.E.4. Students recognize healthy social, emotional, and physical boundaries and use cultural norms, environmental, and social context cues to navigate these boundaries.	~		•	~	•								~					•			•		•	
Self-Management		2.F.4. Students continuously strive toward meaningful, specific personal short- and long-term goals. Students contribute to collective goal setting and achievement by identifying Specific, Measurable, Actionable, Relevant, Time-bound, Equity-Focused (SMARTE) goals. Students use their voice and choice to demonstrate personal and collective agency.				v		V		v	V		V	~	V	•	v	~	V	~		v			✓	
	Agency	2.G.4. Students identify and apply a variety of culturally relevant and identity affirming strategies to stay motivated and disciplined in order to persevere in achieving their goals.								•	~	•	•	•	•	~	•	•	•	•	•	•				
		2.H.4. Students proactively use several time management strategies to organize their class work, extracurricular activities, work, family responsibilities, and other commitments.						•																		
reness		3.A.4. Students build and analyze their knowledge of cultural, racial, linguistic, class, gender, ability, and other types of identity and how those identities are shaped by, and perceived, in society. Students can recognize and honor strengths in all people.			•		•										•	•					~		•	
Social Awareness	Identity	3.B.4. Students acknowledge and validate others' emotions and lived experiences and challenge their own assumptions about others' feeling states based on their dispositions, expressiveness, race, or cultural backgrounds. Students explore the perspectives of others, whether they agree or not, with curiosity and extend empathy, care, and compassion.				V	V															V	V	V	V	~

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ess	Belonging	3.D.4. Students identify and navigate different support networks. Students are advocates and allies for others' needs and recognize the interdependence of community resources.		•	•	•			•		~					•	•							~	•
Social Awareness		3.E.4. Students demonstrate inclusion by identifying learning community members that are or feel marginalized and centering those voices in order to deepen belonging for all. Students identify and interrupt group dynamics when they impede belonging.	~																					V	
0,	Agency	3.F.4. Students are deepening their knowledge about how power and privilege can perpetuate inequities. Students understand the historical and ongoing individual and institutional impacts of bias, racism, misogyny, inequality, and patterns of injustice, including the rights of different groups.			V		~															~	~		
		3.G.4. Students identify and understand interconnected inequities in their community, state, and country and engage in civic, community, or service projects that support community empowerment and equity.																							
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ship Skills	Identity	4.B.4. Students seek out leadership opportunities that are meaningful to them. Students recognize group dynamics, including power structures. Students participate in distributive leadership processes that leverage their cultural identity and lived experience.	~				~							~	•	•								V	
Relations	Belonging	4.C.4. Students recognize the value of trust, rapport, and respect in developing healthy relationships across different racial, cultural, linguistic, gender, sexual orientation, religious, ability, and neurodivergent student groups. Students recognize the characteristics of healthy and unhealthy dating relationships. Students use a variety of culturally affirming strategies to show appreciation and gratitude to their peers and social networks.	V		V	V	V										V							V	~

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	Belonging	4.D.4. Students can identify and affirm the rich cultural diversity that exists in their community, state, and country. Students demonstrate appreciation for, curiosity about, and a willingness to better understand those who are different from them. Students maintain cultural humility through reflection and self-critique.	~	~	V																		V	V	V	
ills		4.E.4. Students recognize the value of collaborative problem solving and actively engaging in empathic listening, respectfully communicating, and honoring equity of voice in order to find solutions and achieve a common goal.	•	~	•	~	•								•	•									•	
Relationship Skills	Agency	4.F.4. Students can participate in harm reparation by using restorative affective statements and restorative questions in order to communicate the impact of harm and hold community members accountable for their actions. Students are able to take responsibility for their own actions and can contribute to the collaborative process of harm reparation.					•														~	V	•		V	
		4.G.4. Students proactively use nonviolent communication strategies. Students consistently self-advocate and clearly communicate their needs and wants. Students are able to negotiate across differences and find mutually satisfactory compromises where appropriate.	•	~	✓	V	•							✓	~	•				✓		V			V	
		4.H.4. Students demonstrate respect for human dignity and actively work to be allies for social and racial justice. Students practice calling out injustices, such as microaggressions, and standing up for their peers.																							•	
n-Making		5.A.4. Students deepen their curiosity and practice an inquiry stance in all social situations. Students willingly challenge themselves to participate in new learning experiences beyond their comfort zone.						~	•	•	~	•	•	•	•	•	✓	•					•		•	
Responsible Decision-Making	Identity	5.B.4. Students apply the concepts of honesty, integrity, justice, and fairness by calling out injustices and inequalities. Students actively engage in environmental justice causes both at school and in their community.																							•	
Responsi		5.C.4. Students can assess, analyze, and develop a problem statement to personal, social, or political issues impacting their community. Students can approach such problems with a collaborative improvement-orientation.		~											•	•	~								~	

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Social Awareness		3.E.4. Students demonstrate inclusion by identifying learning community members that are or feel marginalized and centering those voices in order to deepen belonging for all. Students identify and interrupt group dynamics when they impede belonging.	V																					•	
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Relationship Skills	Agency	4.F.4. Students can participate in harm reparation by using restorative affective statements and restorative questions in order to communicate the impact of harm and hold community members accountable for their actions. Students are able to take responsibility for their own actions and can contribute to the collaborative process of harm reparation.					~														•	•	V	V	
		4.G.4. Students proactively use nonviolent communication strategies. Students consistently self-advocate and clearly communicate their needs and wants. Students are able to negotiate across differences and find mutually satisfactory compromises where appropriate.	V	•	•	•								V	~	•				~		•		V	
		4.H.4. Students demonstrate respect for human dignity and actively work to be allies for social and racial justice. Students practice calling out injustices, such as microaggressions, and standing up for their peers.		•																			~		
n-Making		5.A.4. Students deepen their curiosity and practice an inquiry stance in all social situations. Students willingly challenge themselves to participate in new learning experiences beyond their comfort zone.						•	~	~	~	•	v	•	~	•	•	~	~			•			
Responsible Decision-Making	Identity	5.B.4. Students apply the concepts of honesty, integrity, justice, and fairness by calling out injustices and inequalities. Students actively engage in environmental justice causes both at school and in their community.					~																~		
Responsi		5.C.4. Students can assess, analyze, and develop a problem statement to personal, social, or political issues impacting their community. Students can approach such problems with a collaborative improvement-orientation.				•									~	•	•	•						~	

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	Gro Cali Emo	ade 12 fornia Transformative Social and ctional Learning Competencies d Step* High School	Co-creating shared expectations that contribute to belonging	Connecting and collaborating with peers to build community	Communicating effectively and sincerely with educators	Using voice to make change in the school community	Demonstrating ways to avoid making assumptions about others	Participating in defining success criteria	Persisting to master learning objectives	Using feedback and resources to meet success criteria	Applying strategies for overcoming negative thoughts	Applying reframing strategies to overcome obstacles	Expanding and using social networks	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	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
CASEL	Area	Competency																							
ð	Belonging	5.D.4. Students can accurately identify physical, intellectual, emotional, and social safety considerations for themselves and for others based on identity and social factors in realworld scenarios. Students accurately discern the difference between risky and safe behaviors and actions.																						V	
sion-Makin		5.E.4. Students recognize their role as civic-minded members of a democratic society. Students engage in civil discourse about current events and engage in advocacy and actions that promote care and community well-being.	~	•	~	~	~								~	•					•	~	~	~	•
Responsible Decision-Making	Agency	5.F.4. Students demonstrate higher-order thinking skills (e.g., critical thinking, cognitive flexibility, analysis, integration) and show discernment, use of facts, and thoughtfulness in their decision-making. Students apply critical thinking in all aspects of their life and relationships, including interactions online.	~	•	~	•	V	•	•	V	V	•	~	•	~	~	V	V	~	~	•	V	V	V	•
- &		5.G.4. Students reliably and proactively anticipate the consequences of their actions. Students demonstrate complex understanding of the interconnected impacts of one's choices and demonstrate accountability for their actions.	~	•	•	•	~	•	•	~	~	•	~	•	•	•	~	~	~	•	•	~	~	V	•

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