LEARNING FORWARD

SPOTLIGHT ON SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Institutions are reimagining learning and bringing several key elements together in a holistic approach that prioritizes social-emotional learning, student centricity, and skills in a safe, secure, and scalable environment.



Feelings Matter

Compared to 2020, it's heartening to see that optimism about the future has almost doubled for students and teachers.

Feelings about **2020**

Feelings about 2021

Student optimism

23%

44%

Teacher

optimism 24%

45%

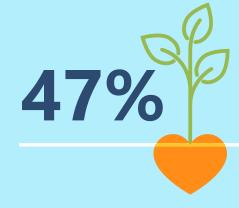


Teachers say that Social-Emotional learning is even higher priority than before.



Priority of SEL in 2021

SEL is one of my biggest/very high/high priorities







Teachers Supporting Students

Teachers were asked what information would help them better support students in remote/virtual learning.

Teachers most wanted to understand:



54%

What complexities students face



49%

Students' emotional states



What motivates students



Student Feedback

Students were asked what they liked and what could be improved about remote learning.



Ways to improve



Top choices were:

Flexibility around time to get schoolwork done

41% More 1:1 time with teachers



Learning is Inherently Social

We asked students what they missed and what they found challenging about remote learning.



Students found challenging



Top choices were:

52% Break times with friends

44% Lack of active/ hands-on learning



Technology Can Help Safe, secure, scalable technology supports human connection,

skill building, and access to information by:



- Empowering collaborative online environments
- Providing analytics and feedback tools
- Integrating inclusive learning tools and immersive experiences



For more information, see the **SEL Blog** and visit the Microsoft Education Social and Emotional learning page.