

Key Steps Worksheet to Select an SEL Platform

Step 1: Evaluate Current Barriers to Effective SEL

Barrier to Effective SEL	What you should aim for	Your Current Risk Level (Low/Med/High)
Low Teacher Buy-In	Integrates into existing routines; minimal prep; ready-to-use lessons; clear connection to classroom management	
Lack of Student Engagement	Age-appropriate content; student voice/choice; short engaging and relatable content; daily emotion check-ins	
Additional Workload for Teachers	Pre-built lessons; simple setup/rostering; built-in data collection; flexible scope and sequence	
Lack of Data & Impact Metrics	Usage/adoption dashboards; real-time climate indicators; moodboard; teacher feedback tools; data authenticity	

Step 2: Establish a Vetting Committee

Name	Role	Grade/Department	Email/Phone

Committee Notes:

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Step 3: Identify Priority Needs & Non-Negotiables

Document district SEL priorities, constraints, and alignment with existing initiatives.

Criteria	Our District Priority	Notes
Primary SEL Focus Areas (Tier 1, 2, 3, All)		
Grade Levels (K-12)		
Time Allocated to SEL		
Daily Wellness Check-in		
Universal Screener		
Data & Reporting Must-Haves		
Alignment with School Climate Initiatives		
Implementation Timeline		
Budget Parameters		
Other		

Step 4: Pre-Pilot Platform Assessment

Scoring Notes: 1 = Poor, 5 = Excellent

Platform	Ease of Use	Student Engagement	Teacher Experience	Implementation Friction	Content Quality

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Step 5: Select Piloting Schools/Teachers

Identify schools interested in piloting and track key contacts.

School Name	Interested in Pilot? (Y/N)	Pilot Lead Contact	Grade Levels

Pilot Timeline: _____ to _____

Step 6: Pilot Feedback & Data Collection

Collect mid-pilot, and post-pilot data on teacher/student adoption and impact.

Data Point (1-10)	Mid-Pilot	Post-Pilot
Teacher Buy-In Score		
Teacher Ease of Use		
Student Engagement		
Platform Usability (vs initial goals)		
Alignment with CASEL		
Perceived Impact on Culture & Climate		
Data & Reporting		