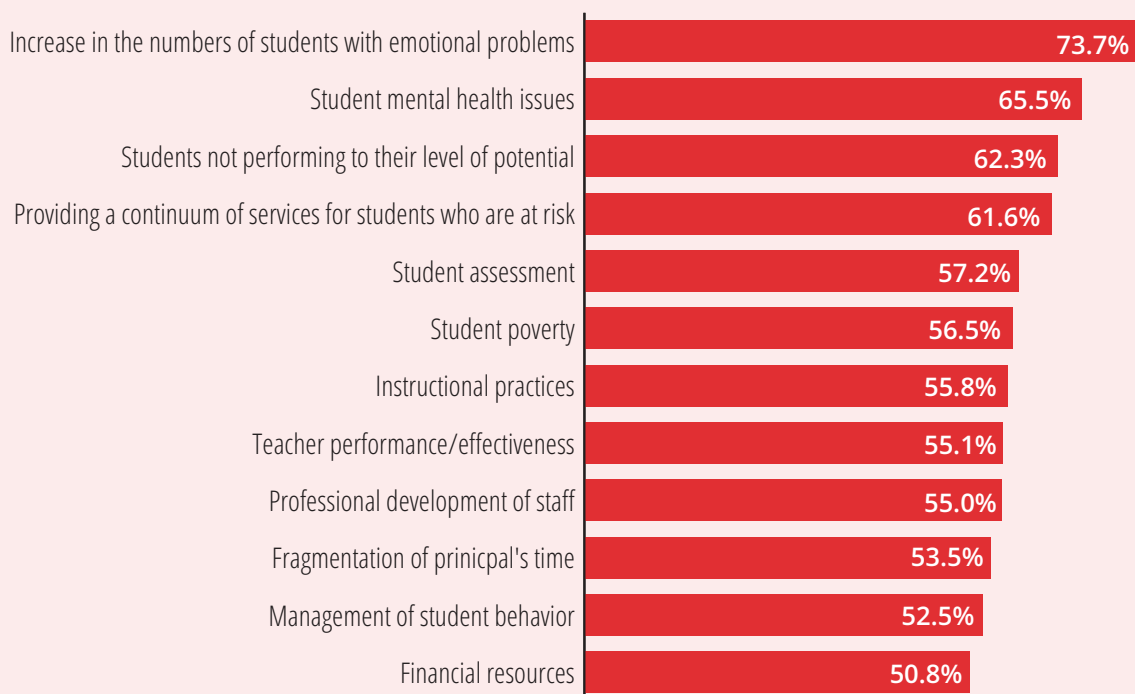


# SEL and Mental Health Rise to Top of Principals' List of Concerns

Social and emotional learning (SEL) and student mental health are among the top student-related concerns of PreK through grade 8 principals, according to [The Pre-K-8 School Leader in 2018: A 10-Year Study](#). The new study is the ninth in a series published by the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) since 1928.

## Areas Characterized as an Extreme or High Concern



In the last survey, conducted in 2008, SEL was ranked the eighth highest concern, after priorities such as serving at-risk students, assessment, and instructional practice.

Additional questions on the 2018 survey focused specifically on student-related issues and provided insights into what principals perceive as top concerns regarding students. The majority of these relate to SEL.

