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## **CASEL Opens Application Portal for Its Widely Used Guide to Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) Programs**

CHICAGO, IL - Today, the Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL) welcomes providers to submit their social and emotional learning (SEL) programs for possible inclusion in the 2022 edition of the [CASEL Guide to Effective Social and Emotional Learning Programs](#).

Research [shows](#) that evidence-based SEL programs promote students' social and emotional development, increase academic performance, and support their well-being. CASEL recommends implementation of evidence-based SEL programs as a central element of an effective, systemic approach to SEL.

As a trusted authority on SEL research, implementation, and policy, CASEL is uniquely positioned to review and rate programs with potential to promote positive social and emotional competence development for all youth. More details can be found at: <https://pg.casel.org/for-providers/>.

“Our criteria reflects evidence-based best practices and evolves out of the perspectives of both educators and organizations trying to develop high-quality products for schools,” says Dr. Robert Jagers, Vice President of Research at CASEL. “Our goal with this effort is to maximize the probability that social and emotional learning is appropriately integrated into the preK-12 educational experience.”

Interested SEL programs may apply to be reviewed from June 21, 2021 through July 23, 2021 to receive a designation of *SElect*, *Promising*, or *SEL-Supportive*. Program provider applicants must meet several criteria associated with these designations, including:

- Is the program designed to be implemented during the regular school day for all students, preschool to high school?
- Is it aligned to CASEL's five core SEL competencies: self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision-making?
- Does it have at least one completed evaluation that meets the evidence criteria, including a significant positive impact on treatment of students?

77 programs are included in the 2021 edition that was [released](#) earlier this month, receiving more than 15,000 views to date.

The window for submitting applications is from June 23, 2021 through July 23, 2021. The 2022 edition of the guide will be published in the early summer of 2022. The application can be accessed here: [pg.casel.org/for-providers/](https://pg.casel.org/for-providers/)

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