

**ADMINISTRATORS:**  
**Why should you support and promote**  
**Social, Emotional, and Character Development**  
**(SECD) standards?**

KSDE Mission Statement - The Mission of the State Board of Education is to prepare Kansas students for lifelong success through rigorous academic instruction, 21st century career training, and character development according to each student's gifts and talents.

SECD Standards support this mission statement and the research shows incorporating SECD skills have the following results:

- Improved Test Scores
- Improved Subgroup Test Scores
- Increased Engagement in Learning
- Increased Motivation to Learn
- Increase in School Attendance
- Fewer Suspensions and Expulsions
- Fewer Disciplinary Referrals
- Fewer Classroom Disruptions
- Reduction in Bullying
- Reduction in At-Risk Behaviors
- Improved School Climate
- Improved On-the-Job Skills
- Increased 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Skills
- Increased Teacher Morale
- Increased Teacher Retention

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