

MYTRUESELF

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING FUN







Integrating and operationalizing culturally sensitive
Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) concepts and
student progress easily and affordably into the school day.



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About the Program

The My True SELF integrates culturally sensitive Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) concepts into the school environment bolstering student progress as well as educator SEL support in an easily adaptable, affordable way.

The My True SELF curriculum is an off-shoot of the award-winning, evidence-based True Body Project program and focuses on the support of SEL for children and adults throughout the school, at home, and in the community. This program is experienced-based and invites students to participate in a co-creative learning atmosphere. Parents and community partners are also encouraged to engage in two-way communication to support the objectives.

The mindfulness-based SEL curriculum is enriched with somatics and mind-body work and addresses SEL from a holistic perspective. It offers academic integration as well as explicit SEL skill instruction in an immersive mindfulness classroom. Shaped around the CASEL framework, this program meets the criterion for PBIS Tier 2 and Tier 3 and aligns with your school's adopted SEL assessment. With data collection and analysis, the program is adapted and improved on a continual basis to ensure efficacy and equity for all students.

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What's Included

Professional Development

Integrated professional development trainings for staff and teaching artists allow for culture building keeping all parties engaged, collaborative, and using common language and processes in support of program success.





True Body Project Workbook

The student workbook contains over 70 pages of content supporting identity framing, character strength building, emotion identification and regulation, co-creative learning, embodiment tools, and more.

Mindful Music Moments Program

40 weeks of daily mindfulness prompts with world class music in easy-to-use audio files. An average of 4 minutes per audio recording makes a powerful, impact ritual without sacrificing academic time.





Classroom Visuals & Materials

Clear, vibrant classroom visuals including posters and signs are reminders of the My True SELF competencies that have been adopted into the school culture. This keeps the philosophies at close hand for reference by the students, educators, and visitors in the building.

Student Progress Bracelets

Custom My True SELF bracelets given for student progress. The bracelets help serve as reminders of the My True SELF material and provide opportunities to actively engage with people in their life.



Supplements & Resources



Educator Social-Emotional Support

Curated offerings of group and individual programming create space to support staff self-care and professional care. Holistic well-being is vital to the effectiveness of any educator and is an integral part of any SEL program.



Community Support

Integrating the community into the My True SELF program is possible through community workshops for families or for adults that support the student in the school. Offerings may include SEL experiences, trainings, or performances that support SEL goals.



True Body Leadership Training

For any staff member who wishes to deepen their capacity to support social-emotional learning for others, True Body Leadership Training offers the knowledge and resources to be an effective space-holder in a variety of settings.



PBIS & CASEL Frameworks

My True SELF Education Framework Integration



PBIS CASEL

TIER ONE - UNIVERSAL (ALL)

SELF-AWARENESS
SELF-MANAGEMENT

Mindful Music Moments is an evidenced-based program that has been featured on the Greater Good for Education by UC Berkeley, PBS NewsHour and utilized by hundreds of schools nationwide. MMM is a flexible program that can be delivered to your entire school community over the morning announcements or individually in each classroom. We work with schools to help them implement the program and measure what is most meaningful for them.

Mindful Music Moments is an excellent Tier 1 Positive Behavioral Intervention Strategy because it moves beyond just words and into experience. This opportunity for experience helps create the capacity for self-awareness and self-management and allows for higher learning and cooperation.

PBIS

CASEL



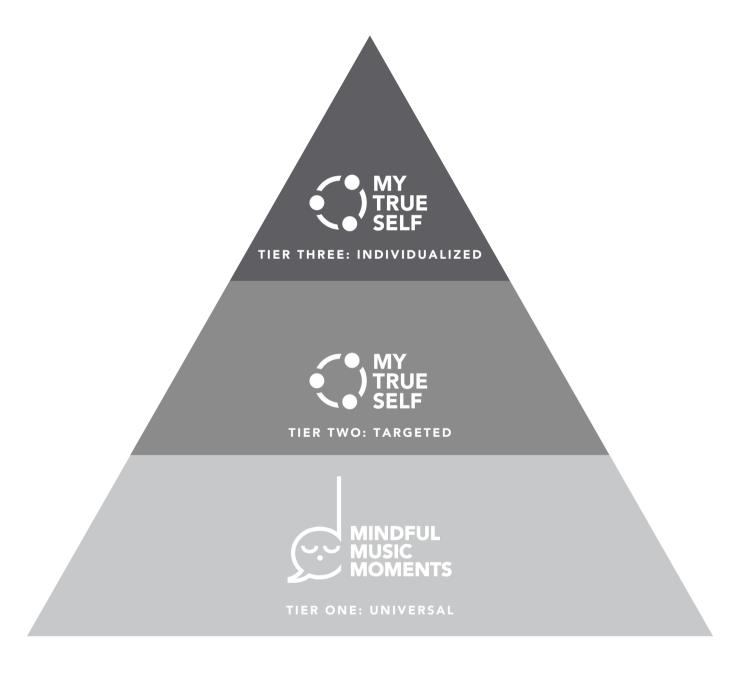
TIER TWO - TARGETED (SOME)
TIER THREE - INDIVIDUALIZED (FEW)

SOCIAL AWARENESS
RELATIONSHIP SKILLS
RESPONSIBLE DECISION-MAKING

The My True SELF curriculum, which can be adopted and integrated into the culture of your school or after-school program as a whole, can be strategically used for more targeted skill instruction in small groups or in an explicit SEL skills classroom, a Mindful Classroom, under the guidance of a trained mindfulness educator. Furthermore, the curriculum can be utilized on a one-on-one basis to support those who would benefit from more targeted support.

My True SELF and the PBIS Framework

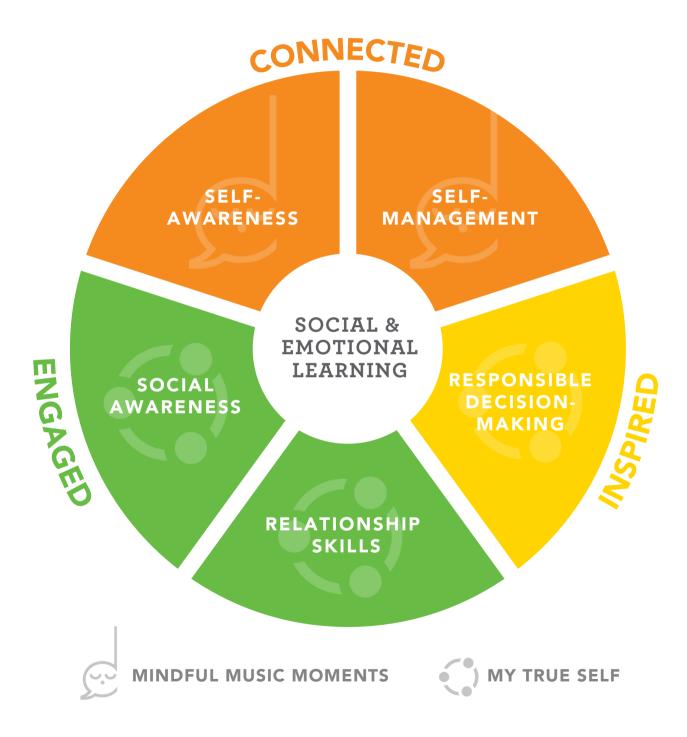
Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)



Based on Tiered PBIS Framework diagram www.pbis.org. Center on PBIS (2022). Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports.

My True SELF and the CASEL Framework

Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL)



Based on CASEL Framework diagram www.casel.org. (2022) Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL).

PBIS, CASEL and Brain Development

PREFRONTAL CORTEX

Executive Center

"The Thinking Brain"

Developmental shifts around ages 5-6, 11 & 15. Handles logic, empathy, compassion, creativity, self-regulation, self-awareness, predicting, planning, problemsolving, attention.



RESPONSIBLE DECISION-MAKING

REPTILIAN BRAIN

Survival Center

"Fight, Flight or Freeze"

Developed at birth. Regulates autonomic functions: breathing, digestion, heart rate, sleep, hunger, instinctual behaviors & behaviors that sustain life.



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TIER THREE - INDIVIDUALIZED (FEW)
SELF-AWARENESS
SELF-MANAGEMENT

LIMBIC SYSTEM

Emotional Center

"The Emotional Brain"

Developmental focus is during ages 0-5. Processes emotions, memory, response to stress, nurturing, caring, separation anxiety, fear, rage, social bonding and hormone control.



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TIER THREE - INDIVIDUALIZED (FEW)
SOCIAL AWARENESS
RELATIONSHIP SKILLS



This diagram represent how the PBIS and CASEL frameworks activate the three centers of brain development.

All three PBIS tiers connect to the survival and emotional centers.

In CASEL, self-awareness and self-management connect to the survival center. Social-awareness and relationship skills connect to our emotional center. And, responsible decisionmaking connects to the executive center.

Based on How the Brain Develops diagram www.teach-through-love.com. (2009-2022)

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Trauma and Brain Development

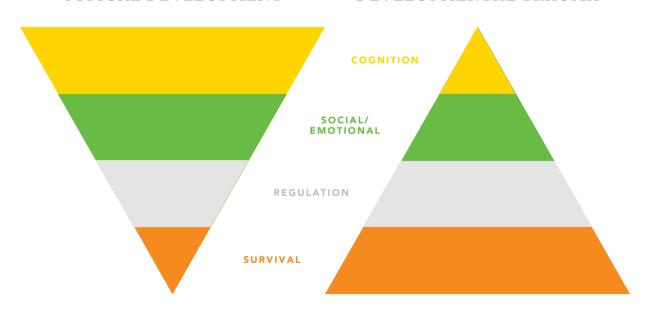
WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THERE IS DEVELOPMENTAL STRESS OR TRAUMA

When a child's basic needs for love, food, shelter, and connection are met consistently and without confusion or disruption, the emotional center of the brain can adequately develop. Similarly, when a child is nurtured and there is adequate attunement to his or her emotions, stress responses, and social bonding, the executive center can fully develop. Poverty, homelessness, addiction, "walking on eggshells," and other stressors can profoundly alter resilience, affect, and learning.



TYPICAL DEVELOPMENT

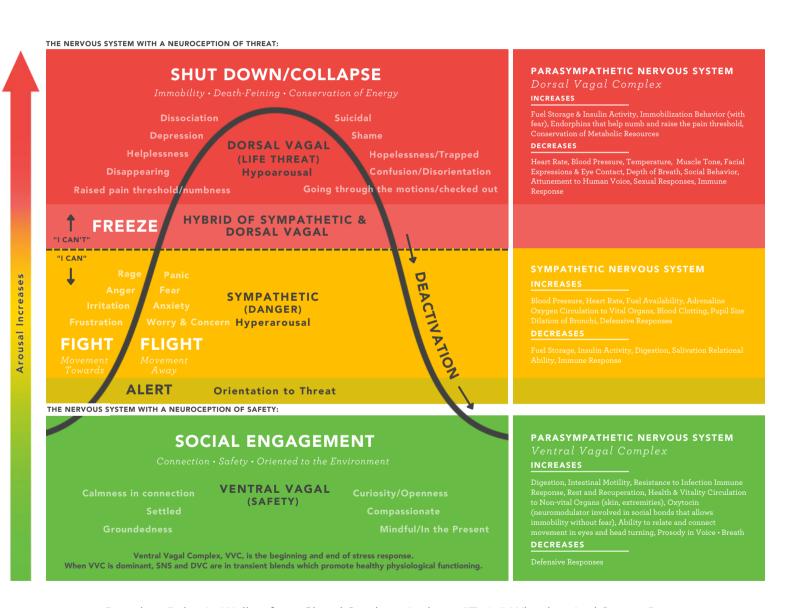
DEVELOPMENTAL TRAUMA



Based on Holt & Jordan, Ohio Department of Education

Physiology and Emotional Response of the Vegus Nerve Arousal Spectrum

Polyvagal Theory Chart of Trauma Response

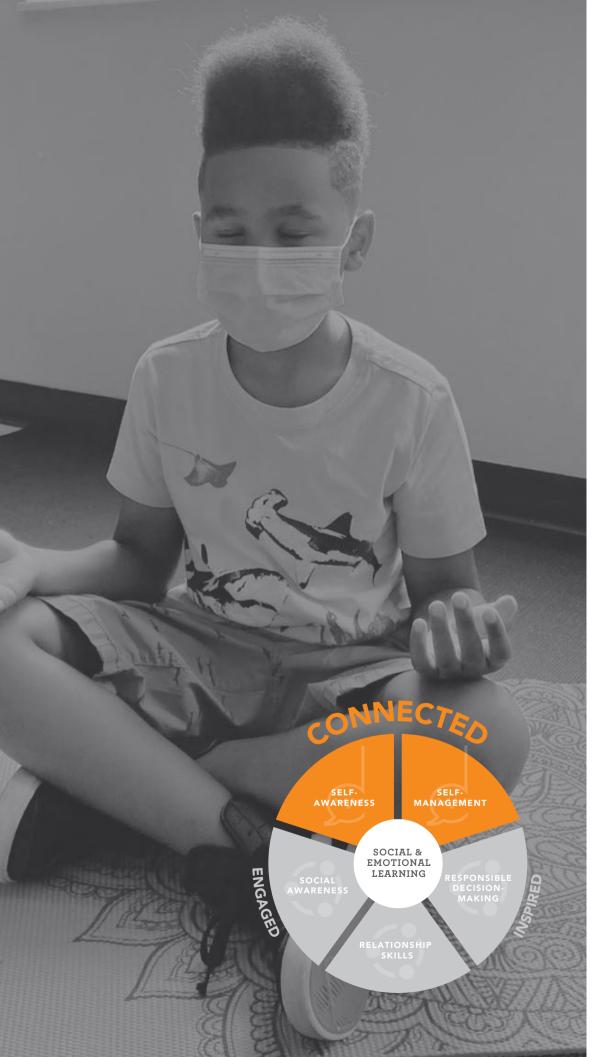


Based on Ruby Jo Walker from Cheryl Sanders, Anthony "Twig" Wheeler, And Steven Porges.



CONNECTED | ENGAGED | INSPIRED

The Three Pillars of MY TRUE SELF

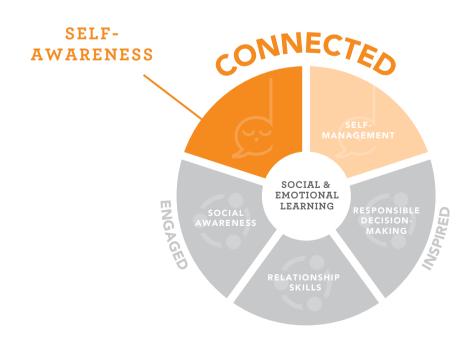


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SELF-AWARENESS
SELF-MANAGEMENT

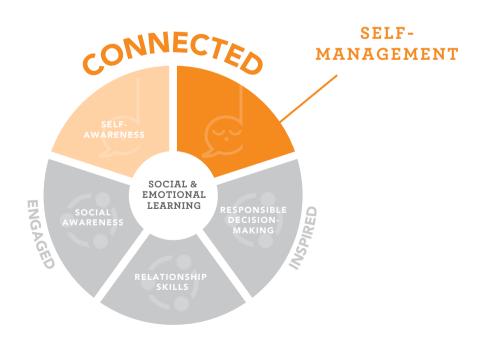
SELF-AWARENESS

- Identify your emotions
- Demonstrate honesty and integrity
- Link emotions, values and thoughts
- Experience self-efficacy
- Has a growth mindset



SELF-MANAGEMENT

- Manage your emotions
- Identify and use mindfulness tools
- Set personal and class goals
- Show the courage to take intiative



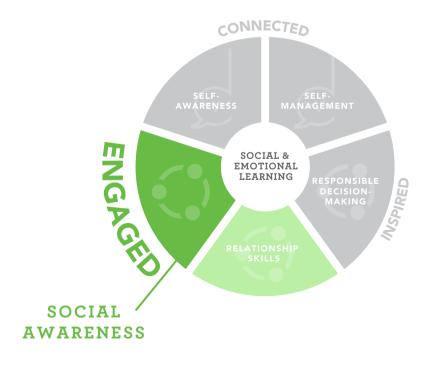
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SOCIAL-AWARENESS RELATIONSHIP SKILLS



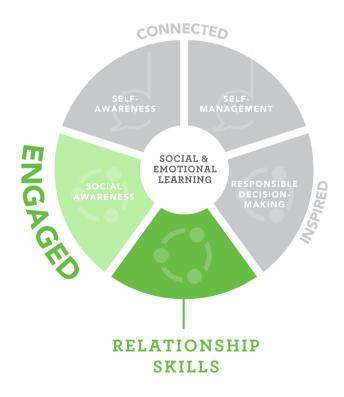
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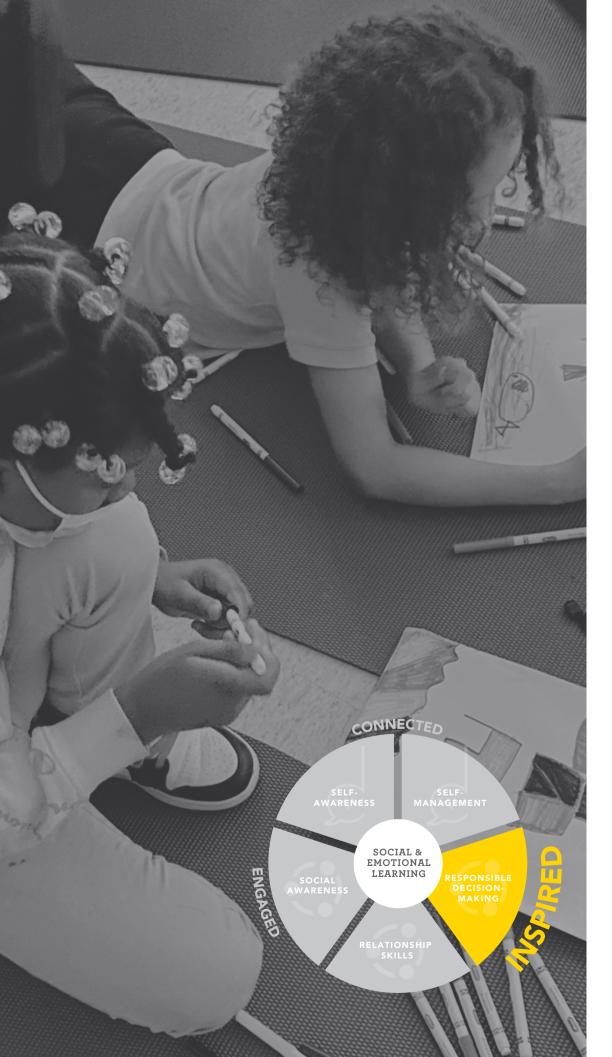
- Take others perspective
- Recognize strengths in others
- Demonstrate empathy and compassion
- Understand and express gratitude



RELATIONSHIP SKILLS

- Communicate effectively
- Develop positive relationships
- Practice teamwork and group problem-solving
- Show leadership in class





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RESPONSIBLE DECISION-MAKING

INSPIRED

RESPONSIBLE DECISION-MAKING

- Demonstrate curiosity and open mindedness
- Identify solutions to personal and classroom problems
- Anticipate/evaluate consequences
- Evaluate how you impact your world.

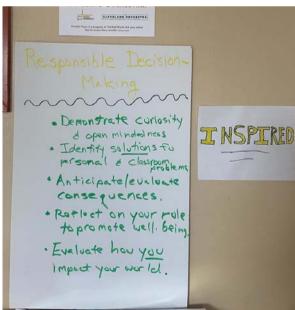


In the Classroom

Our SEL pillars (Connected, Engaged, and Inspired) are displayed in the classrooms in youth-oriented languaging to help students learn, remember, and practice each competency throughout their day. Students are also encouraged by the prospect of earning progress bracelets that demonstrate their ability to integrate SEL principles into their lives.









Images from My True SELF pilot program at Imagine Bella Academy www.thewell.world.com. (2022)



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Programs, practices and connection at the intersection of arts and wellness.

The Well is nourished by the non-profit organization A Mindful Moment. Our mission is to improve the mental and emotional well-being, connectedness, and effectiveness of all citizens through arts integration, mindfulness, music, movement, and healing-centered practices.

