



## BACKGROUND



A growing body of research shows that proactive support of students' social emotional development and mental health contribute to positive outcomes in many realms of life, including academic achievement and career readiness. School districts recognize the need to integrate social emotional learning (SEL) and mental health supports within the educational setting. But they don't always have access to the information, training, resources, and infrastructure to do this work systemically.

**The SEL & Mental Health Academy helps schools and districts develop multi-tiered systems of SEL and mental health support that are culturally-responsive, effective, and sustainable. To learn more about the academy visit our [website](#).**

## APPLY NOW!



To apply for the 2021-2022 school year cohort, go to: [Application](#)

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## ABOUT THE ACADEMY



The SEL & Mental Health Academy helps selected districts effectively integrate SEL and mental health within an MTSS framework and align the work with existing priorities, systems, and practices. The Academy covers topics including: data collection and analysis; effective classroom-based SEL instruction; targeted, evidence-based mental health interventions; and effective systems to collaborate with community partners.

Over the course of three years, teams of 7-10 members—including district-level staff, school administrators, classroom teachers, school support staff:

- Assess team strengths, goals, and opportunities for growth, and determine capacity-building priorities
- Attend an annual 3-day in-person or virtual professional development institute
- Participate in monthly interactive learning opportunities offered through online and/or in-person events
- Receive up to 40 hours of technical assistance (in-district or virtual, depending on school preference)