

Caring Unit

This Standards Map summarizes each of the standards met by all lessons within this unit. All **Kindness in the Classroom®** lesson plans have been mapped to the five CASEL Core Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Competencies, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Health Education Standards (NHES), and the national Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts & Literacy and Mathematics. Utilization and adoption of these national standards and competencies vary by state. Teachers can use this resource to align their own state standards with each lesson.

Lesson 1: Take Five

CASEL

Self-awareness

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Accurate self-perception
Recognizing strengths
Self-confidence
Self-efficacy

Self-management

Impulse control
Stress management
Self-discipline
Self-motivation
Goal-setting
Organizational skills

Social awareness

Respect for others

Relationship skills

Communication
Social engagement

Responsible

decision-making

Identifying problems
Analyzing situations
Solving problems
Reflecting

NHES

Standard 1. Understanding concepts

1.5.2 - Identify examples of emotional, intellectual, physical, and social health.

Standard 5. Decision-making

5.5.3 - List healthy options to health-related issues or problems.
5.5.5 - Choose a healthy option when making a decision.

Standard 6. Goal-setting

6.5.1 - Set a personal health goal and track progress toward its achievement.
6.5.2 - Identify resources to assist in achieving a personal health goal.

Standard 7. Practicing healthy behaviors

7.5.1 - Identify responsible personal health behaviors.
7.5.2 - Demonstrate a variety of healthy practices and behaviors to maintain or improve personal health.

Common Core

English Language Arts Standards

Writing

Text Types and Purposes:

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.4.2

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CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.4.2.D

Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.

Production and Distribution of Writing:

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.4.4

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Speaking & Listening

Comprehension and Collaboration:

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Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas:

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Language

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CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.4.2.D

Spell grade-appropriate words correctly, consulting references as needed.

Knowledge of Language:

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.4.3

Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.4.3.A

Choose words and phrases to convey ideas precisely.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.4.3.C

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Vocabulary Acquisition and Use:

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CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.4.4.A

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Lesson 2: Bridges of Helpfulness

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Self-confidence

Self-management

Impulse control
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Social awareness

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Empathy
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Relationship skills

Communication
Social engagement

Responsible decision-making

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NHES

Standard 1. Understanding concepts

1.5.2 - Identify examples of emotional, intellectual, physical, and social health.

Standard 2. Analyzing influences

2.5.1 - Describe how family influences personal health practices and behaviors.
2.5.2 - Identify the influence of culture on health practices and behaviors.
2.5.3 - Identify how peers can influence healthy and unhealthy behaviors.

Standard 5. Decision-making

5.5.1 - Identify health-related situations that might require a thoughtful decision.
5.5.3 - List healthy options to health-related issues or problems.

Standard 8. Advocating

8.5.2 - Encourage others to make positive health choices.

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Lesson 3: Dear Me: A Letter on Compassion

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Self-awareness

Recognizing strengths
Self-confidence

Self-management

Self-discipline
Self-motivation
Goal-setting
Organizational skills

Social awareness

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Develop the topic with facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples related to the topic.

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Link ideas within categories of information using words and phrases (e.g., *another*, *for example*, *also*, *because*).

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CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.4.2.E

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Production and Distribution of Writing:

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Research to Build and Present Knowledge:

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.4.9

Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.4.9.A

Apply *grade 4 Reading standards* to literature (e.g., "Describe in depth a character, setting, or event in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text [e.g., a character's thoughts, words, or actions]").

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Reading: Informational Text

Key Ideas and Details:

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.4.1

Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.4.2

Determine the main idea of a text and explain how it is supported by key details; summarize the text.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.4.3

Explain events, procedures, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text, including what happened and why, based on specific information in the text.

Reading: Foundational Skills

Phonics and Word Recognition:

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RF.4.3

Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.

Fluency:

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RF.4.4

Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RF.4.4.A

Read grade-level text with purpose and understanding.

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Kindness in the Classroom® met or exceeded all of CASEL's criteria for high-quality SEL programming. Kindness in the Classroom® received CASEL's highest designation for high-quality SEL programming.

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