



About SEL4TX

- **Purpose**

The Social-Emotional Learning Alliance for Texas is dedicated to developing a state network of SEL advocacy and support that focuses on promoting high quality SEL integration into all schools and communities across the state of Texas.

- **Vision**

The vision of SEL4TX is to transform pedagogy and practice in Texas schools so students will be effectively equipped with the social, emotional, and academic skills needed for a rapidly changing and diverse workforce *and* for success in life.

- **Mission**

The mission of SEL4TX is to help schools and communities integrate SEL concepts, approaches, pedagogical strategies, and evidence-based practices to develop inclusive programs that ensure educational equity for all.

Who We Are

The Social Emotional Learning Alliance for Texas (SEL4TX) is an affiliate member of the SEL4US organization. We are a diverse group of educators, school districts, parents, community members, and other interested stakeholders who have partnered to form a state network of SEL support and advocacy. Currently, the network includes several school districts in Texas who serve a combined total of more than 500,000 students. Other members of the network include the University of North Texas Dallas College of Law, Texans Care for Children (a state level policy solutions group), Committee for Children (a longstanding, nonprofit organization), and individual educators, school psychologists, parents, and community members.

What We Do

Through coordinated efforts, the SEL4TX network facilitates awareness of the various SEL frameworks and works to provide trainings, guidance, and support to local schools, school districts, regional Education Service Centers, and professional organizations throughout Texas. Through these efforts, SEL4TX has sought to help stakeholders develop a common language around SEL so they are better able to understand that this is more than just a program. SEL4TX strives to provide guidance, trainings, and supports to assist stakeholders with identifying strategies and resources for helping staff develop the pivotal skills they will need for teaching a diverse student population and ensuring equitable learning opportunities for all students. SEL4TX also provides guidance to stakeholders in how to conduct an analysis of existing policies, programs, and resources, so they are better able to identify the issues and develop a coordinated approach to more effectively address these issues.

Our Goals

Through our monthly meetings, we focus on bringing together representatives of a growing number of established and emerging SEL efforts including individuals, groups, and organizations from across the state to:

- Connect and get to know each other
- Share successes and challenges
- Improve access to resources
- Increase knowledge of equity-focused practices
- Highlight innovative approaches to SEL
- Advocate for improvement through the advancement of policy
- Provide guidance and input to the national effort as we continue to develop this state-wide effort

How to Join

SEL4TX membership is open to schools, school districts, educators, parents, community members, professional organizations, and any others who share and have an interest in advancing our mission, vision and purpose.

Joining is easy. Just go to www.sel4tx.org and click on the “**JOIN US**” button.

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Panel Presentation: Equity Solutions through SEL

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