

A Quick Guide to

The SEL Program Quality Assessment (SEL PQA)

What is the SEL PQA

The SEL PQA is a framework with researched-identified best practices that support environments to be safe, supportive, interactive, and engaging with a focus on practices that support social and emotional learning.

Assessments

Self Assessment (or Internal Assessment) happens within your staff team either through reflection conversations or observation of each other and reflection on the scores.

External Assessments happens with someone outside of your organization who is a trained reliable rater, observes your program and provides you back the data for your team to use in reflection.

Uses

The SEL PQA can be used both as a planning tool, and as a measurement towards those best practices through self assessment or external assessment.

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The SEL PQA is part of a larger cycle of improvement. It may be referred to as Continuous Program Improvement or Continuous Quality Improvement. Either way, it involves Assessing, Planning, and Improvement.

Low Stakes!

The SEL PQA is focused on reflection and improvement, and not for saying whether a program is "good" or "bad".

Supporting Plans & Goals
Supporting Youth Interests
Furthering Learning

ENGAGING ENVIRONMENT

Cultivating Empathy
Promoting Responsibility & Leadership
Fostering Teamwork

INTERACTIVE ENVIRONMENT

Fostering Growth Mindset
Scaffolding Learning
Emotion Coaching

SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT

Creating Safe Spaces

SAFE SPACE

4 Domains
10 Scales
41 Items

SPROCKETS

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Reflection Worksheet

- What is a scale in the SEL PQA that you feel confident in and include in your program already? What does it look like? Sound like?
- Check out a copy of the SEL PQA. When you look at the descriptions of the items, where does your practice currently fall?
- What is a scale you are interested in exploring?
- Who from your team can you talk with about what these aspects look like in their work or can share with you how they use the SEL PQA as a framework or assessment?
- When will you follow up with that person?

Quality Youth
Work Starts
HERE!

If you don't have a copy of the SEL PQA, you can download one at
<https://forumfyi.org/weikartcenter/assessments/>