# The SEL Program Quality Assessment (SEL PQA)

### What is the SEL PQA

The SEL PQA is a framework with researchedidentified 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.

## YPQI/ CPI/ CQI

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 INTERACTIVE ENVIRONMENT
Fostering Teamwork

4 Domains 10 Scales 11 Items

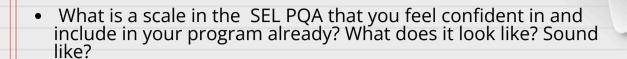
Fostering Growth Mindset Scaffolding Learning Emotion Coaching

SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT

**Creating Safe Spaces** 

SAFE SPACE

# **Reflection Worksheet**



 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?

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