

Compassion Education: **CONNECT** & **INSPIRE**

Presented by ReelTime Animal Rescue



Transforming K-12 Classrooms with Compassion and Leadership

MASSACHUSETTS STEM & SEL BENCHMARK ALIGNMENT

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STEM Benchmarks Alignment

GRADES: K-2 (Standards: Life Science 1-LS1-1, ESS3-1)

Benchmark: Understand basic needs of organisms and the effect of human actions on the environment. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Students observe rescued animals via livestreams to understand how humans meet or neglect animals' needs.
- Discussions foster early systems thinking and emotional intelligence.
- Activities include habitat drawing and class reflections on kindness toward animals.

GRADES: 3-5 (Standards: Life Science 3-LS4-3, 5-PS3-1, Earth Science 4-ESS3-1)

Benchmark: Investigate environmental and energy relationships within ecosystems. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Learners explore interdependence using real-world rescue scenarios and ecosystem modeling.
- Compassion Education's conservation themes complement state goals in energy transfer and biodiversity.
- Students build simple projects and campaigns that reflect compassionate scientific reasoning.

GRADES: 6-8 (Standards: MS-LS2-4, MS-ESS3-3, MS-ETS1-2)

Benchmark: Analyze ecosystem disruption and design solutions that minimize human impact. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Students review environmental threats like deforestation or pollution through animal stories and video content.
- Hands-on projects integrate data analysis and SEL principles in designing solutions.
- Emphasis on interdisciplinary work aligns with MA's engineering-focused framework.

GRADES: 9-12 (Standards: HS-LS2-7, HS-ESS3-4, HS-ETS1-3)

Benchmark: Evaluate sustainability issues and propose evidence-based actions. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Students lead research and multimedia projects that apply science to real-world ethics and advocacy.
- Topics include sustainable living, animal welfare, and conservation legislation.
- Projects fulfill MA's focus on college and career readiness and public service.

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GRADES: K-2

- Self-Awareness: Children express feelings related to animal care and rescue.
- Social Awareness: Interactive compassion lessons build emotional literacy.

GRADES: 3-5

- Responsible Decision-Making: Activities challenge students to identify ethical environmental actions.
- Empathy in Practice: SEL guides students through collaboration and compassion-based leadership.

GRADES: 6-8

- Perspective-Taking: Students explore global issues such as animal trafficking or climate change.
- Emotional Regulation: Learners reflect on how compassion can guide behavior.

GRADES: 9-12

- Leadership & Global Citizenship: Students develop and lead campaigns rooted in SEL principles.
- Civic Responsibility: Activities empower students to act on behalf of others — animals, ecosystems, and people.