

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

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## Transforming K-12 Classrooms with Compassion and Leadership

### MISSISSIPPI STEM & SEL BENCHMARK ALIGNMENT

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#### STEM Benchmarks Alignment

##### GRADES: K-2 (Standards: L.K.1A, E.1A.1, L.2.4A.1)

Benchmark: Explore the needs of living things and the relationships between organisms and their environment. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Students observe live animals and identify their basic needs and natural habitats.
- Educators lead age-appropriate lessons on kindness, stewardship, and responsibility.
- Drawing and storytelling connect science to emotional learning.

##### GRADES: 3-5 (Standards: L.3.4B.1, E.4.9B.1, L.5.4.1)

Benchmark: Analyze ecosystems, energy flow, and human impact on the environment. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Learners study animal rescues as case studies of environmental response and restoration.
- Students use sanctuary livestreams to examine interdependence and human responsibility.
- Projects combine engineering design with compassion-driven environmental problem-solving.

##### GRADES: 6-8 (Standards: L.6.4B.1, E.7.9C.1, P.8.5A.1)

Benchmark: Evaluate environmental and societal issues through scientific reasoning. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Students analyze global and local rescue operations to understand cause and effect in ecological systems.
- Activities include data collection, ethical reflection, and public outreach planning.
- Compassion Education aligns with interdisciplinary inquiry and collaborative innovation.

##### GRADES: 9-12 (Standards: BIO.4, ESS.3, PHY.5, C.4)

Benchmark: Apply scientific knowledge to address environmental challenges and ethical dilemmas. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Students research topics like climate change, biodiversity loss, and sustainable living using live examples.
- Learners propose informed solutions that integrate scientific principles and compassion.
- Service-based learning and civic engagement are emphasized to fulfill CCRS expectations.

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#### GRADES: K-2

- Self-Awareness: Students explore their feelings as they observe animal recovery.
- Social Awareness: Stories and discussions highlight empathy and fairness.

#### GRADES: 3-5

- Responsible Decision-Making: Learners evaluate ethical choices in sanctuary operations.
- Teamwork: Group projects reinforce cooperation, kindness, and respect.

#### GRADES: 6-8

- Self-Management: Students journal and reflect on their own values and responses.
- Global Perspective: Middle schoolers examine cultural contexts and compassionate practices worldwide.

#### GRADES: 9-12

- Civic Leadership: Students engage in advocacy, policy research, and ethical science projects.
- SEL Through Action: Learners apply SEL in public speaking, campaign leadership, and service learning.