

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

Presented by ReelTime Animal Rescue



Transforming K-12 Classrooms with Compassion and Leadership

NEW MEXICO STEM & SEL BENCHMARK ALIGNMENT

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STEM Benchmarks Alignment

GRADES: K-2 (Standards: K-LS1-1, K-ESS3-1, 2-LS4-1)

Benchmark: Understand what animals need and how humans affect their environments. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Students watch live rescue footage, observing how animals are cared for.
- Teachers use these examples to introduce needs, habitats, and human impact.
- Compassion and science blend in a way that resonates deeply with young learners.

GRADES: 3-5 (Standards: 3-LS4-3, 4-ESS3-1, 5-LS2-1)

Benchmark: Study ecosystems, human influence, and organism interactions. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Sanctuary settings allow students to visualize food webs and conservation in action.
- Assignments include ecosystem mapping, persuasive advocacy writing, and data interpretation.
- Cultural respect and environmental ethics are naturally integrated.

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

Benchmark: Evaluate environmental issues and propose sustainable solutions. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Students collect data, examine environmental impacts, and create multimedia campaigns.
- Compassion Education encourages cross-disciplinary and student-centered problem-solving.
- Ethical inquiry supports identity-building and civic participation.

GRADES: 9-12 (Standards: HS-LS2-6, HS-ESS3-4, HS-ETS1-3)

Benchmark: Solve environmental problems using data, ethics, and communication. Compassion Education Alignment:

- High school students tackle habitat destruction, pollution, and animal cruelty through STEM and storytelling.
- Students engage in advocacy, research, and innovation projects that require both heart and intellect.
- The curriculum prepares them for real-world impact in science, media, and policy.

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GRADES: K-2

- Self-Awareness: Students describe how they feel and recognize those feelings in others.
- Caring Behavior: Stories and livestreams inspire natural acts of kindness and inclusion.

GRADES: 3-5

- Social Awareness: Students consider different perspectives and develop empathy for animals and people.
- Ethical Decision-Making: Educators guide students in analyzing right and wrong through compassion-focused scenarios.

GRADES: 6-8

- Responsible Advocacy: Learners explore identity and purpose while researching global rescue stories.
- Resilience: Students study adversity, recovery, and how empathy fuels action.

GRADES: 9-12

- Civic Engagement: Teens speak up for issues they care about, including environmental justice and humane education.
- Emotional Intelligence: Students demonstrate maturity, perspective, and purpose in real-world problem solving.