

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

Presented by ReelTime Animal Rescue



## Transforming K-12 Classrooms with Compassion and Leadership

### OHIO STEM & SEL BENCHMARK ALIGNMENT

This document outlines how ReelTime Animal Rescue's Compassion Education: **CONNECT** & **Inspire** program aligns with the STEM & SEL benchmarks set forth by the Ohio Department of Education. The program is designed to meet key educational standards through real-time content fostering critical thinking and empathy along with real-world social-emotional skills.

#### STEM Benchmarks Alignment

##### GRADES: K-2 (Standards: LS.1, LS.2, ESS.1)

Benchmark: Identify the basic needs of living things and recognize environmental changes. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Students watch how animals are cared for in sanctuaries, reinforcing lessons on survival needs.
- Teachers guide children through discussions and drawing activities around ecosystems.
- Early learners are encouraged to care, observe, and understand connections.

##### GRADES: 3-5 (Standards: LS.3, LS.4, ESS.2)

Benchmark: Explore ecosystems, animal adaptations, and human environmental impact. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Students analyze sanctuary ecosystems and observe how animal behavior changes due to human care or interference.
- Learners create persuasive materials advocating for animal protection.
- The program brings relevance and emotional connection to core science concepts.

##### GRADES: 6-8 (Standards: LS.5-LS.8, ESS.3-ESS.4)

Benchmark: Examine population dynamics, sustainability, and the role of human activity. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Students research real-life examples of species recovery and environmental restoration.
- Sanctuary footage provides case studies for evaluating biodiversity, pollution, and human decision-making.
- Students develop projects that propose solutions to environmental challenges.

##### GRADES: 9-12 (Standards: LS.9-LS.11, ESS.5, ESS.6)

Benchmark: Investigate the complexity of ecological systems and long-term sustainability. Compassion Education Alignment:

- High school students apply systems thinking to animal and environmental ethics.
- Compassion Education supports media creation, argument development, and STEM-based civic engagement.
- Students merge scientific knowledge with storytelling and real-world action.

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#### GRADES: K-2

- Self-Awareness: Students reflect on how stories of animal rescue make them feel.
- Compassion Practice: Livestreams spark emotional connection and kind classroom behaviors.

#### GRADES: 3-5

- Ethical Thinking: Classrooms explore questions about fairness, empathy, and protection.
- Perspective-Taking: Students write letters and stories from animals' points of view.

#### GRADES: 6-8

- Resilience and Identity: Students reflect on strength, recovery, and how people can help.
- Civic Engagement: Learners become change agents through data and emotional intelligence.

#### GRADES: 9-12

- Leadership: Teens develop and present campaigns that connect science with ethics.
- Advocacy: Students learn the value of voice, action, and global awareness.