

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

Presented by ReelTime Animal Rescue



Transforming K-12 Classrooms with Compassion and Leadership

PENNSYLVANIA STEM & SEL BENCHMARK ALIGNMENT

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STEM Benchmarks Alignment

GRADES: K–2 (Standards: 3.1.K.A1, 3.1.1.A1, 3.1.2.A5)

Benchmark: Identify characteristics and needs of living things and observe their interactions with the environment. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Students observe animals receiving shelter, food, and care in real time.
- Teachers foster age-appropriate discussions on how humans help animals survive.
- Drawing and storytelling activities encourage early ethical science reasoning.

GRADES: 3–5 (Standards: 4.1.4.A, 4.2.5.C, 4.5.4.C)

Benchmark: Understand the roles of organisms within ecosystems and human impact. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Students explore animal habitats, adaptation, and environmental impact via sanctuary footage.
- Writing and research projects deepen analysis and compassion.
- Learners build conservation campaigns that reflect critical thinking and social responsibility.

GRADES: 6–8 (Standards: 4.1.7.C, 4.5.7.A, 4.6.7.A)

Benchmark: Investigate environmental systems, threats to biodiversity, and civic action. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Students use case studies to assess environmental issues and propose humane interventions.
- Interdisciplinary activities blend science, ethics, and service learning.
- Programs help students envision a future of responsible ecological leadership.

GRADES: 9–12 (Standards: 4.1.12.D, 4.5.12.B, 4.6.12.C)

Benchmark: Evaluate sustainability, ethical dilemmas, and scientific solutions. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Teens research sanctuary-based solutions and evaluate their ecological effectiveness.
- Projects include media presentations, public service campaigns, and civic engagement.
- Compassion Education prepares students to merge STEM fluency with purpose and advocacy.

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GRADES: K-2

- Self-Awareness: Students learn to identify feelings and relate to others through rescued animal stories.
- Compassion: Livestreams inspire kind thoughts and age-appropriate action.

GRADES: 3-5

- Ethical Reasoning: Students explore fairness and empathy by advocating for animals.
- Relationship Skills: Cooperative learning promotes inclusivity and teamwork.

GRADES: 6-8

- Civic Identity: Learners explore their role in the world as ethical thinkers and compassionate problem-solvers.
- Social Awareness: Discussions help students connect global challenges to local solutions.

GRADES: 9-12

- Purpose-Driven Action: Teens develop their voice through advocacy and multimedia storytelling.
- Emotional Intelligence: SEL fosters emotional maturity and resilient leadership.