

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

Presented by ReelTime Animal Rescue



Transforming K-12 Classrooms with Compassion and Leadership

TENNESSEE STEM & SEL BENCHMARK ALIGNMENT

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STEM Benchmarks Alignment

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

Benchmark: Understand basic needs, patterns, and interactions of living things. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Live cams allow students to observe animals receiving care and shelter in real-time.
- Teachers guide students in asking scientific questions about how animals survive and adapt.
- Early writing and storytelling activities build observation and empathy.

GRADES: 3-5 (Standards: 3.LS4.2, 4.LS1.1, 5.LS2.1)

Benchmark: Explore adaptation, interdependence, and environmental impact. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Students analyze how animal behavior is influenced by human actions and rescue.
- Compassion Education integrates scientific modeling with emotional awareness.
- Activities include creating ecosystem maps, animal care plans, and persuasive essays.

GRADES: 6-8 (Standards: 6.LS2.4, 7.ESS3.1, 8.ETS2.1)

Benchmark: Investigate systems, human impact, and engineering solutions. Compassion Education Alignment:

- Learners study biodiversity threats and evaluate sanctuary efforts.
- Projects challenge students to develop compassionate and scientific action plans.
- Lessons combine environmental ethics, design, and innovation.

GRADES: 9-12 (Standards: BIO1.LS2.8, ESS3.3, PHYS.ETS2.1)

Benchmark: Apply science and engineering to real-world ethical challenges. Compassion Education Alignment:

- High school students explore conservation science and humane technologies.
- Research projects and presentations develop interdisciplinary expertise.
- Students become environmental stewards grounded in both knowledge and compassion.

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GRADES: K-2

- Self-Regulation & Empathy: Young learners develop emotional vocabulary while observing animal stories.
- Classroom Culture: Livestreams spark kindness-based discussions and activities.

GRADES: 3-5

- Ethical Awareness: Students explore fairness, advocacy, and empathy through animals in need.
- Responsible Decision-Making: Projects encourage thoughtful collaboration and service.

GRADES: 6-8

- Identity Formation: Students reflect on personal values and develop a sense of purpose.
- Teamwork & Citizenship: Learners engage in community-based thinking and problem-solving.

GRADES: 9-12

- Global Perspective: Teens investigate global environmental and animal welfare issues.
- Student Agency: SEL encourages leadership through passion-driven academic work.