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Organizations Promoting Social and Emotional Learning

Go to the Thoughtful Learning Website (www.thoughtfulearning.com) for links to these organizations and other pertinent information on social and emotional learning.

CASEL (Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning) (http://www.casel.org): This nonprofit research and education organization has the mission to establish social and emotional learning as an essential part of education.

Edutopia (http://www.edutopia.org): The George Lucas Educational Foundation is dedicated to improving the K-12 learning process by documenting, disseminating, and advocating for innovative, replicable, and evidence-based strategies that prepare students to thrive in their future education, careers, and adult lives.

ASCD (formerly Association for Supervision and Curriculum Developers) (http://www.ascd.org): This nonprofit, nonpartisan membership association provides expert and innovative solutions in professional development, capacity building, and educational leadership essential to the way educators learn, teach, and lead.

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