

LEARNING FORWARD

SPOTLIGHT ON SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Institutions are reimagining learning and bringing several key elements together in a holistic approach that prioritizes social-emotional learning, student centricity, and skills in a safe, secure, and scalable environment.

Feelings Matter

Compared to 2020, it's heartening to see that optimism about the future has almost doubled for students and teachers.

Feelings about **2020**

Feelings about **2021**

Student optimism

23%

44%

Teacher optimism

24%

45%

SEL Priority

Teachers say that Social-Emotional learning is even higher priority than before.

Priority of SEL in **2020**

Priority of SEL in **2021**

SEL is one of my biggest/very high/high priorities

47%

58%

Teachers Supporting Students

Teachers were asked what information would help them better support students in remote/virtual learning.

Teachers most wanted to understand:



54%

What **complexities** students face



49%

Students' **emotional** states



48%

What **motivates** students

Student Feedback

Students were asked what they liked and what could be improved about remote learning.

Students **liked**

Ways to **improve**

Top choices were:

48%

Flexibility around time to get schoolwork done

41%

More 1:1 time with teachers

Learning is Inherently Social

We asked students what they missed and what they found challenging about remote learning.

Students **missed**

Students found **challenging**

Top choices were:

52%

Break times with friends

44%

Lack of active/hands-on learning

Technology Can Help

Safe, secure, scalable technology supports human connection, skill building, and access to information by:



- Empowering collaborative online environments
- Providing analytics and feedback tools
- Integrating inclusive learning tools and immersive experiences

For more information, see the [SEL Blog](#) and visit the [Microsoft Education Social and Emotional learning page](#).