

# Supporting Whole-child Development

Getting kids ready to take on the world!



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Historically, we have seen swings in education between support for academic success and social emotional well-being as opposing focal points. It is easy to consider that the most productive approaches live somewhere in the middle. That is, creating an environment where students can succeed in their academic pursuits while having all the necessary skill sets to take that success into their futures.

Being successful, in whichever endeavors our youth engage, is predicated by the development of social-emotional skills, resilience, and a growth-mindset.

Let's explore how academic and social/emotional successes are simply two sides of the same coin and how we might support our students' journeys.

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