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School violence is a serious problem that affects students, families, and communities across the country. In the 2020-2021 school year, there were over 270 school shootings in the United States.

While there is no one-size-fits-all solution to preventing school violence, research has shown that social emotional learning (SEL) can be an effective tool.

What is Social Emotional Learning?

Social emotional learning (SEL) is the process of developing the skills we need to understand and manage our emotions, build relationships, and make responsible decisions.

SEL skills include:

- Self-awareness
- Self-regulation
- Social awareness
- Relationship skills
- Responsible decision-making

How Can SEL Prevent School Violence?

SEL can help prevent school violence in a number of ways:

- **It helps students to understand and manage their emotions.** Students who are able to identify and understand their emotions are less likely to act out in violent ways.
- **It helps students to build relationships.** Students who have strong relationships with their peers and adults are less likely to feel isolated and alone. This can help to reduce the risk of violence.
- **It helps students to make responsible decisions.** Students who are able to think through the consequences of their actions are less likely to engage in risky behaviors, such as violence.

How Can We Implement SEL in Schools?

There are a number of ways to implement SEL in schools. Some common methods include:

- **Classroom lessons.** SEL can be taught through classroom lessons that focus on specific skills, such as self-awareness, self-regulation, and social awareness.
- **School-wide programs.** Some schools have implemented school-wide SEL programs that involve all students and staff.
- **After-school programs.** SEL can also be taught through after-school programs that provide students with a safe and supportive environment to learn and practice SEL skills.

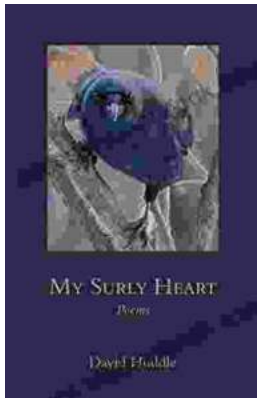
Social emotional learning is an essential tool for preventing school violence. It helps students to understand and manage their emotions, build relationships, and make responsible decisions. By implementing SEL in schools, we can help to create a safer and more positive learning environment for all students.



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