



# How school climate and social-emotional learning can support education transitions and student outcomes

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# Agenda

1. Welcome, event orientation, and speaker introductions.
2. REL Southwest study on school climate.
3. How school climate and social-emotional learning can improve student outcomes.
4. District implementation of school climate and social-emotional learning policy.
5. Facilitated discussion.
6. Thank you and stakeholder feedback survey.

# Meet the presenters



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# Today's goal

To learn how school climate and social-emotional learning (SEL) can support education transitions and student outcomes.



# Webinar outcomes

1. Understand and plan to apply the findings from the REL Southwest report to transitioning students within their educational contexts.
2. Understand the importance of school climate and noncognitive factors, such as SEL, in supporting education transitions and promoting student outcomes.
3. Hear about examples of district and school policies and strategies concerning implementation of school climate and SEL.



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