



Grab The Torch
2017 Summer Institute for Educators
Foundations of Character
special focus on

Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)

Lesley University, in Harvard Square, Cambridge: July 16-19

Grab The Torch's nationally known summer programs for students inspire high school students to use their skills and devote their lives to making the world a better place. This summer institute for educators came into being with the realization that the groundwork for a transformational summer experience best occurs with the fertile ground of a school culture that fosters goodness and interest in serving the common good.

Regardless of what schools call it—character education, SEL, moral development—educators who work with GTT's summer institute staff uniformly leave feeling more empowered, more directed, more connected with the foundations for making a difference in kids' lives.

about this institute

We emphasize the foundations: the essential elements for nurturing goodness in young people. We know that emotional, social, and moral health do not develop unless young people feel connected in meaningful relationships, unless they have an appropriate sense of autonomy, and a sense of competence in navigating their social and academic worlds. Our work this summer will deal with all these points, but with a special emphasis on social and emotional competence with one of the pivotal figures in the field of SEL.

about our key presenter: Maurice Elias, Ph.D.

Our invited expert this year is Maurice Elias, Ph.D., one of the pioneers in the field of social and emotional learning. Dr. Elias is a Professor of Psychology and Director of the Rutgers Social-Emotional and Character Development Lab at Rutgers University. His books include *Promoting Social and Emotional Learning: Guidelines for Educators*; *Social Decision Making/Social Problem Solving Curricula for Grades K-8*; *Emotionally Intelligent Parenting*, and the children's book, *Talking Treasure: Stories to Help Build Emotional Intelligence and Resilience in Young Children*.

what participants will take away from this experience

- a strong introduction to the whats, whys, and hows of SEL
- a solid understanding of how SEL fits into the essential foundations of character development: a sense of autonomy, trusting relationships, and social & academic competence
- a network of committed resources, professional colleagues from across North America
- a plan of action for implementation at school

For information about this institute, and about GTT student summer programs, visit www.grabthetorch.org

Grab The Torch is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization dedicated to inspiring the next generation of philanthropists: young people eager to devote their time, talents, and treasures to further the common good

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Schedule (tentative)

Sunday, July 16

6:00 Opening dinner
7:00 Introductions, Introduction to Institute
8:00 - 9:00 Setting Goals to Maximize Success

Monday, July 17

9:00 "What's Holding Up Your School?" Foundations
of Character: Belonging, Autonomy, and Competence
11:30-12:30 Participant input, Q&A, discussion
12:30 - 1:30 Lunch
1:30 Growing a Program: Getting Colleagues on Board
2:30 SEL and the Heart of Character
4:00 Adjourn

Tuesday, July 18

9:00 - noon Introduction to SEL and Character Development (Maurice Elias, Ph.D.)
noon - 1:00 Lunch
1:00 - 3:00 SEL practices for making it happen back at school (Maurice Elias, Ph.D.)
3:30 - 4:30 Participant discussion/debrief (institute staff)

Wednesday, July 19

9:00 Revisiting, fine-tuning Goals to Maximize Success
9:45 - 11:30 SEL in the classroom
11:30 - 12:30 Final session, wrapping up

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registration

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Participant name:

School:

School Address:

City, State or Province, Zip/Postal Code:

Email (for contact in June/early July):

Phone (optional; for summer contact):

Fees: \$ 775 (includes registration & materials, lodging & meals Sunday eve-Weds noon)
\$ 350 (includes registration & materials, Sunday dinner, lunches Mon-Weds)

Make check payable to Grab The Torch, *for questions, contact David Streight, ds@grabthetorch.org*

Return completed registration form and check to: Grab The Torch, c/o David Streight, 7735 SW 87th Ave.
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