

Lower Yukon School District CRESEL Vision

Culturally Responsive Embedded Social and Emotional Learning

CRESEL in LYSD, binds and nurtures the wisdom of elders to younger generations, empowering and preparing them to live and learn successfully, through the teachings and values of Yup'ik traditions, native language (Yugtun) and Yuuyaraq. This includes:

- * Taking care of each other and helping one another
- * Having respect for land, family, beliefs, and the things around you.
- * Connected socially, spiritually, physically

CRESEL PRIORITIES:

- ❖ Culturally responsive and respectful approaches are used to bridge culture into the school and classrooms.
- ❖ Adults in LYSD care and show it in a way that students can feel.
- ❖ Within the LYSD vision for CRESEL, CRESEL is personalized and site specific.
- ❖ District and school infrastructures are in place for CRESEL as a tool that helps LYSD and schools achieve their priorities.
- ❖ Students are leaders in CRESEL.
- ❖ Families, elders and the community are collaborative partners in CRESEL.
- ❖ CRESEL skills are directly taught and students are practicing these skills in academic classes.
- ❖ Students are able to succeed between sites.
- ❖ NPS and the community will increase collaboration around SEL and out of school time supports

KEY ACTIVITIES:

- Align CRESEL with LYSD priorities and initiatives (i.e. teaching framework, PBIS)
- Connect Yup'ik knowledge to employer/western way of using/talking about same knowledge
- Incorporate CRESEL school-wide, including in award assemblies and staff meetings
- Have a New Teacher Cultural Orientation about the local culture of the village
- Create Yup'ik SEL standards that are utilized throughout the school day and talked about every week
- Provide opportunities for Healing Circle activities using local experts who are trained in the traditional practices.
- Seek guidance from Elders
- Teach adults in the school how to use their own CRESEL skills
- Involve Natural Helpers and Student Council
- Create sample activities so adults know what CRESEL looks like
- Support parents and community members to come into the classrooms regularly



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