



The Eight Pillars, mapped to the CASEL 5

VIPeaples™ x CASEL Crosswalk · Standards Alignment

How the VPeaples™ values curriculum aligns to the five core competencies of the CASEL framework – the field standard for social & emotional learning in U.S. schools. Each pillar anchors to one **primary** CASEL competency and reinforces a **secondary** one, so the eight-pillar arc covers all five competencies with deliberate overlap.

VIPEAPLES™ PILLAR	ANCHOR PEA	PRIMARY CASEL	SECONDARY CASEL	WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE IN THE CLASSROOM
01 Self-Awareness Naming one's emotions, values, and strengths.				
02 Self-Management Regulating feelings, impulses, and effort toward a goal.				
03 Social Awareness Empathy, perspective-taking, respect for others.				
04 Relationship Skills Communicating, cooperating, and repairing conflict.				
05 Responsible Decision-Making Making caring, constructive, honest choices.				
1 Courage in Change	DAX	Self-Management	Self-Awareness	Children name a fear about something new, then practice one brave step – regulating the feeling instead of avoiding it.
2 Love of Learning	PIP	Self-Awareness	Responsible Decision-Making	Curiosity is framed as a strength to notice in oneself; children ask questions and follow a wonder to a next step.
3 Truth & Discernment	PIP	Responsible Decision-Making	Social Awareness	Honest choices and telling-the-difference (real vs. pretend, fair vs. unfair) modeled through story dilemmas.
4 Values & Conviction	ALL	Self-Awareness	Responsible Decision-Making	Children connect actions to what they believe matters – standing by a value even when it's the harder choice.
5 Respect for Adversity	MILO	Social Awareness	Relationship Skills	Perspective-taking when someone struggles; the peacemaker move – noticing a hard feeling and meeting it with kindness.
6 Appreciation of Beauty	PETRA	Self-Awareness	Social Awareness	Confidence in what makes each pea different; celebrating others' strengths – "different peas, same pod."
7 Character Virtues	ALL	Relationship Skills	Responsible Decision-Making	Kindness, sharing, and repair practiced in group play – cooperating and making things right after a bump.
8 Stewardship of Self	LEO	Self-Management	Self-Awareness	Caring for body, feelings, and belongings; the joyful daily habits that keep a small person steady.

How to read this: each pillar anchors to one primary CASEL competency and reinforces a secondary one, so the eight-pillar arc covers all five CASEL competencies with deliberate overlap. VPeaples™ teaches these skills the play-based way – **emotions before values:** name the feeling first, connect the value second. CASEL (Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning) is the widely adopted U.S. framework for social & emotional learning.