

CESAR CHAVEZ HEART AND MIND ELEMENTARY SOCIAL SCIENCE CURRICULUM



The **Heart and Mind Curriculum**, a product of the Cesar Chavez Foundation, is an engaging, culturally affirming social studies curriculum for grades K-5 designed to promote language, literacy and social emotional development. Students explore social emotional and social science themes aligned to the core values of civil rights leader Cesar Chavez, including building acceptance and a *Sí Se Puede* mindset, through lessons centered around read-alouds of culturally relevant children's literature.

We Strive for Students to:



Strengthen literacy and language development skills



Learn and practice social emotional learning strategies



Learn social science through stories

About Our Program:

- 25-lesson flexible K-5 social science curriculum centered around read-alouds
- Incorporates best practices in culturally responsive and integrated ELD instruction
- Instructional slides and student writing workbook included

Key Features:

- Standards-aligned: Rich in reading, writing, listening and speaking, including a culminating writing project
- SEL competencies: every lesson includes SEL and a focus on building an inclusive classroom community; SEL measured through a pre-/post-survey
- Training & Support: Preservice virtual training and during-unit check-ins with CCF coach

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ 100% of teachers recommend *Heart and Mind* curriculum and training
- ✓ Significant growth in English Language standards
- ✓ 100% of teachers stated students grew in social emotional competencies

57% → 82%

English Learners at Level 2 (Expanding) or Above on key ELD standards, grew from 57% to 82% by the end of the program.



Learn more about our programs