



Shaping Strong, Confident, and Inspirational Children

SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

In Preschool and Kindergarten Children

At East Valley Christian School (EVCS), we believe that the parental choice of school at key transition points influences a child's future academic ability. These educational choices also influence a person's future career choices. Education that support a child's social and emotional learning in schools has numerous benefits for students, including increased academic achievement and social and emotional competencies.



Social and Emotional Learning

Federal and state education mandates require an educational process that primarily measures students, teachers, and schools by their collective performance on standardized tests. Standardized tests have merit but fall terribly short of educating the whole child.

Public educators are being pushed to raise reading and math scores without focusing on the skills, knowledge, and dispositions that provide a foundation for a child's school and life success. This overemphasis on test scores is inadvertently decelerates academic achievement and prevents our children from developing the ability to be active and engaged members of a democracy. Social and emotional learning is described as 'the process through which we learn to recognize and manage emotions, care about others, make good decisions, behave ethically and responsibly, develop positive relationships, and avoid negative behaviors.

At East Valley Christian School, we believe the purpose of education goes beyond intellectual achievement as measured by standardized tests. Our expanded conception of education, includes the development of social, emotional, and ethical competencies as a 'vital dimension' of educational aims. Social and emotional learning is an essential component of education insofar as it helps children to become healthier, happier people, as well as active and engaged citizens.

Let's Talk About Social and Emotional Learning

If your desire is to have your child develop a foundation that will provide for the greatest achievement and fulfillment, please feel free to call us. We believe training preschool and kindergarten students is a ministry. Let's discuss your goals, we want to learn how we may best assist you.

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