

# **Social and emotional learning skills in the school context: a tertiary review of relevant interventions.**

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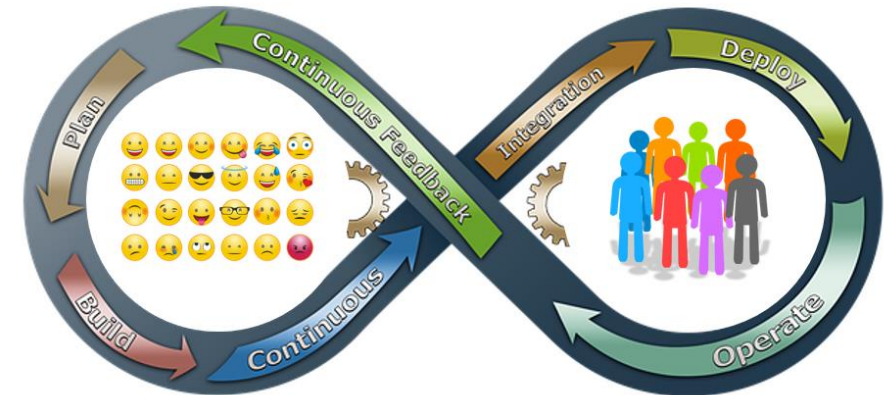
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# **Social emotional learning (SEL)**

# Soicoal and emotional learning

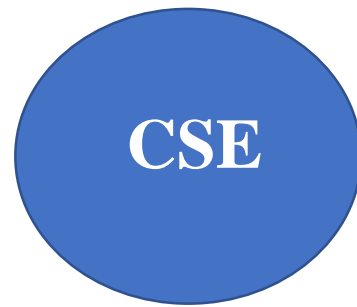
« Process through which children and adults acquire and effectively apply the knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions»  
CASEL, 2015, p. 5.

Collaborative for Academic Social and Emotional Learning. (2015). *CASEL guide: Effective Social and emotional learning programs*



Compétences socio-émotionnelles (CSE)

CASEL 2020





**Self-awareness**



**Know and understand** your emotions, strengths and weaknesses and their influence.

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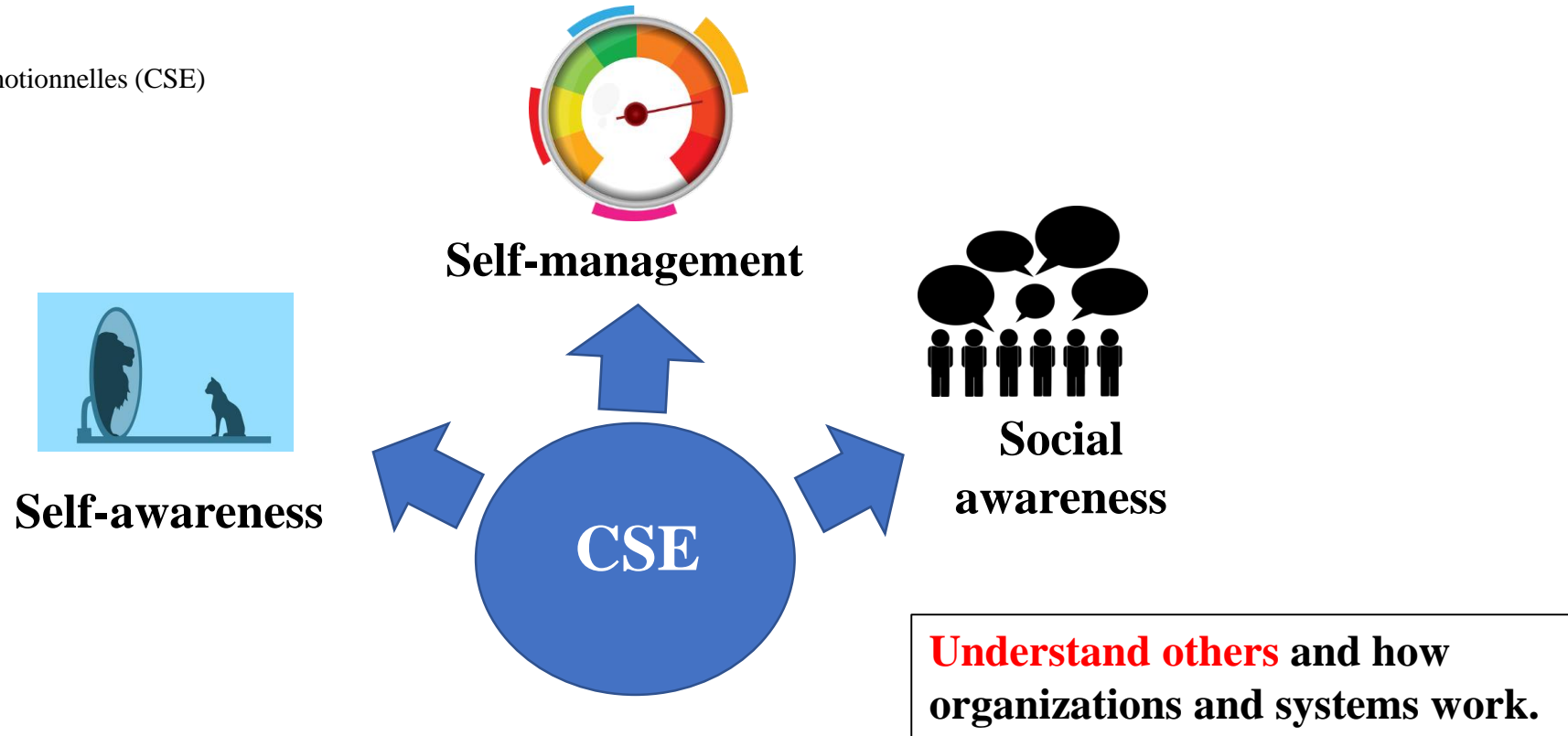
**Manage emotions and behaviors effectively**

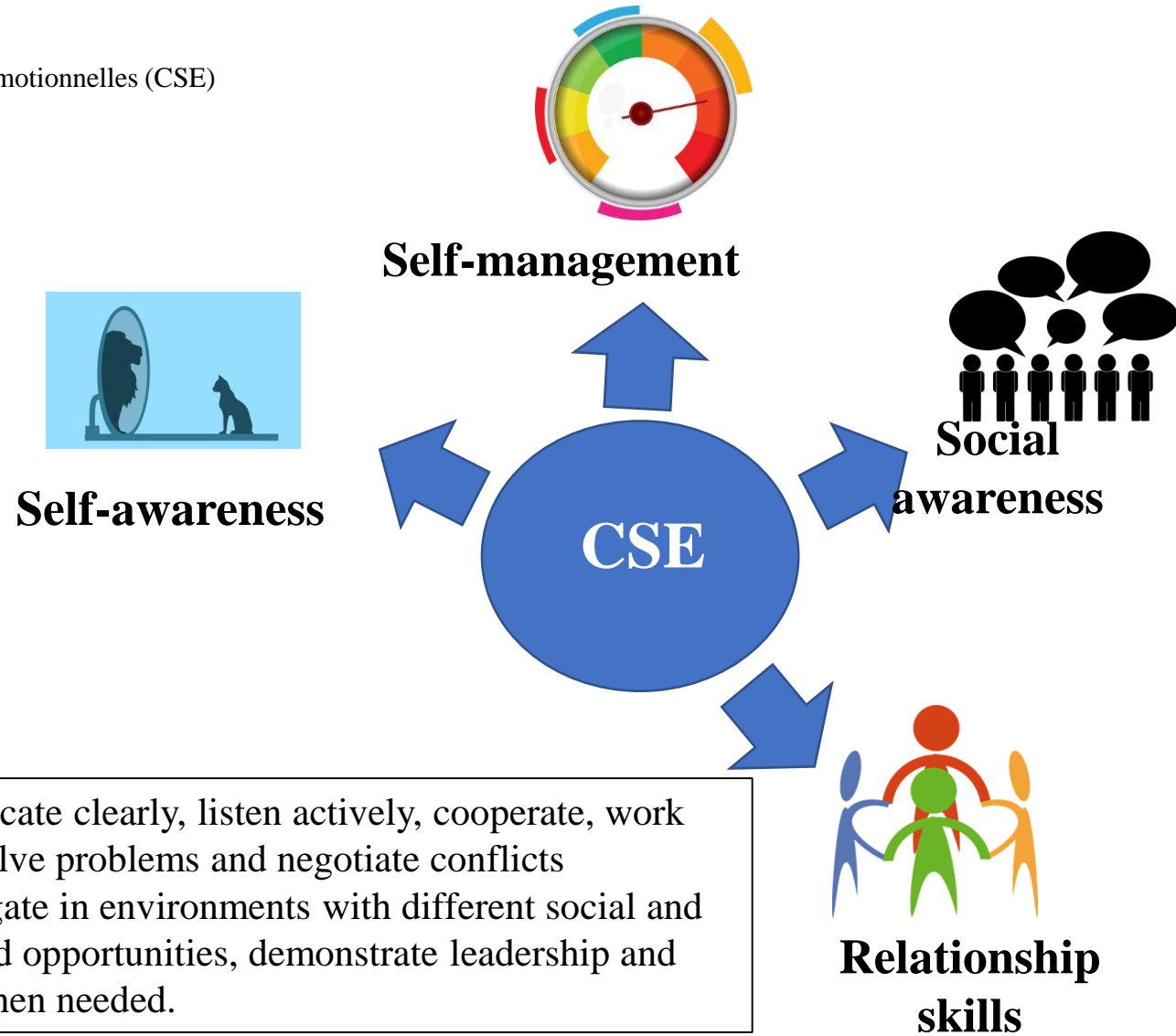
**Self-management**



**Self-awareness**





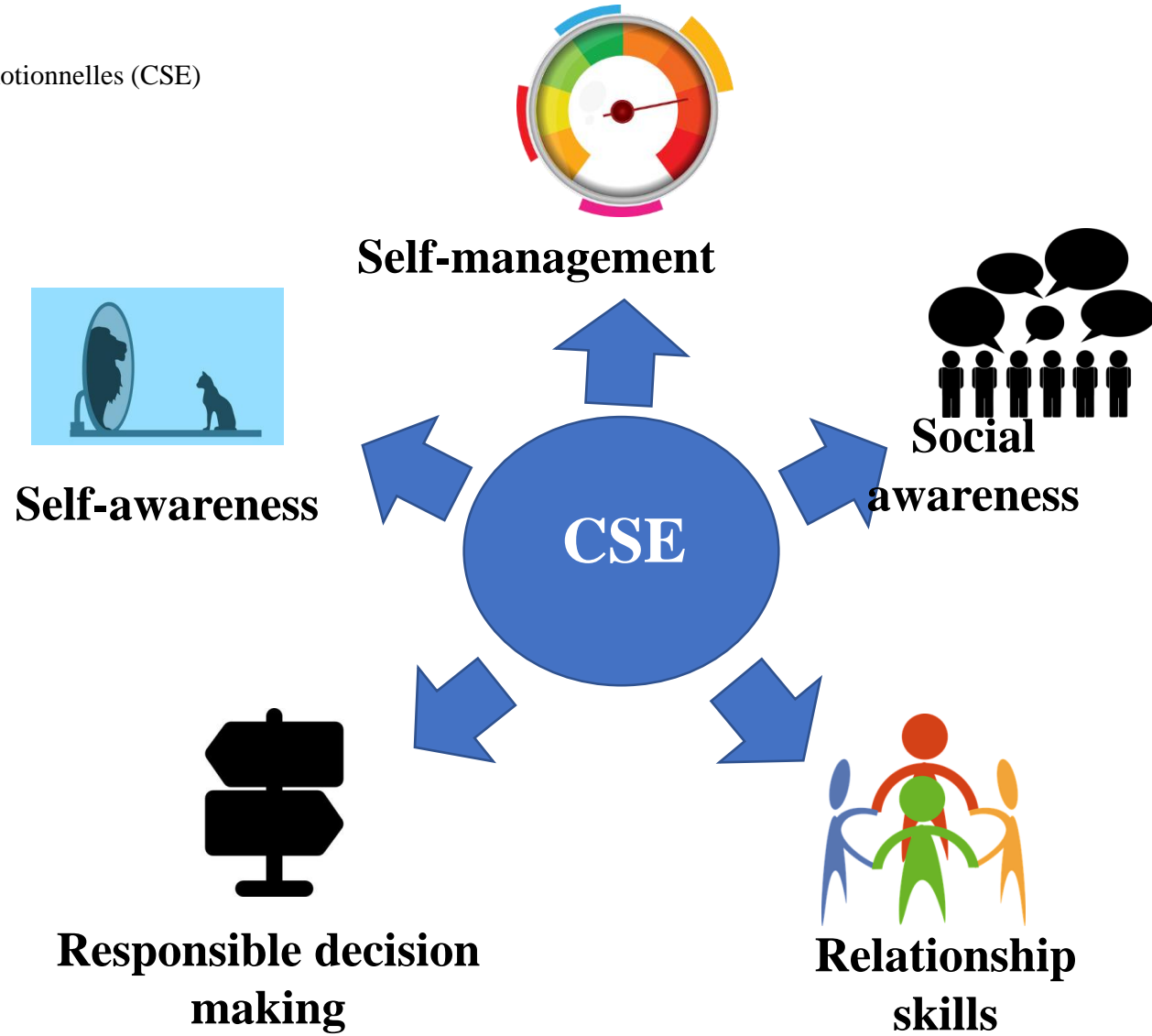


Examples: communicate clearly, listen actively, cooperate, work collaboratively to solve problems and negotiate conflicts constructively, navigate in environments with different social and cultural demands and opportunities, demonstrate leadership and seek or offer help when needed.



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Take ethic and constructive decisions

# Intrest of SEL



Essential to the student's psychological development

Richard, Gay, Gentaz 2021

Positive effects on socio-emotional skills.

Durlak et al 2011

Postivie effects on reading and mathematics skills

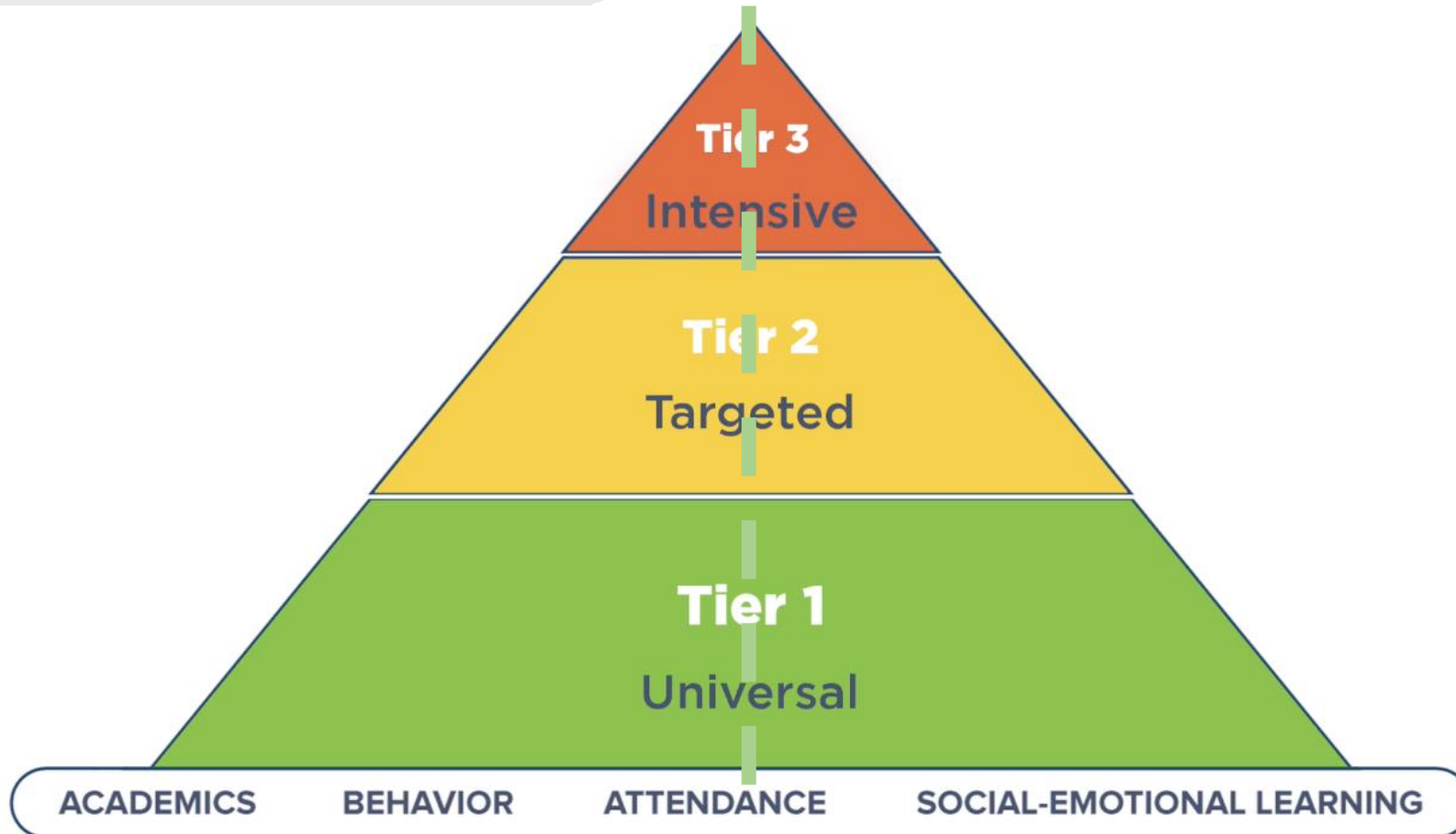
Corcoran et al 2018

1 dollar invested = profit of 11 dollars 30 years later

Algan et al 2022

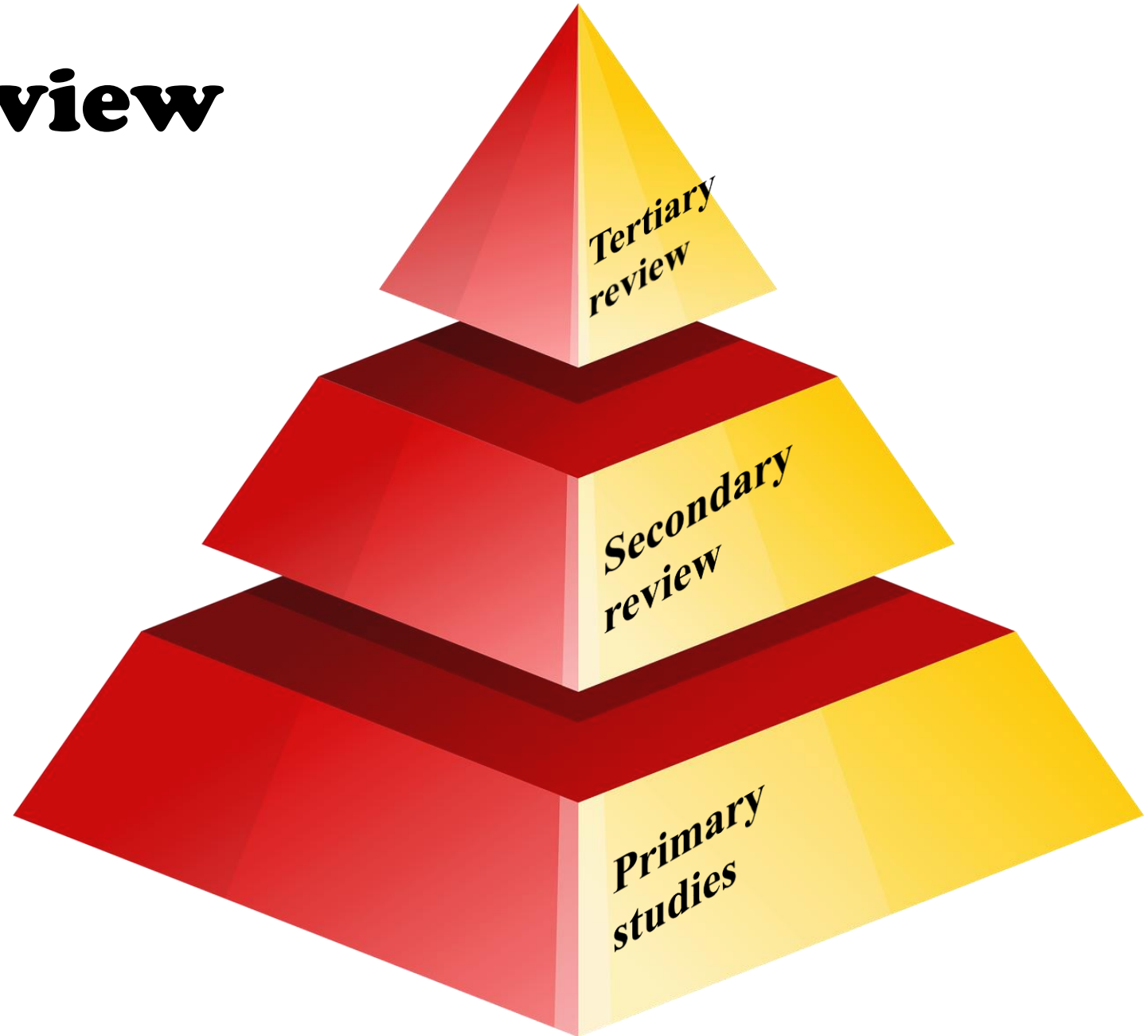
# **Respons-to- intervention**

# Multi-Tiered System of Support



# **Methodology**

# **Tertiary review**

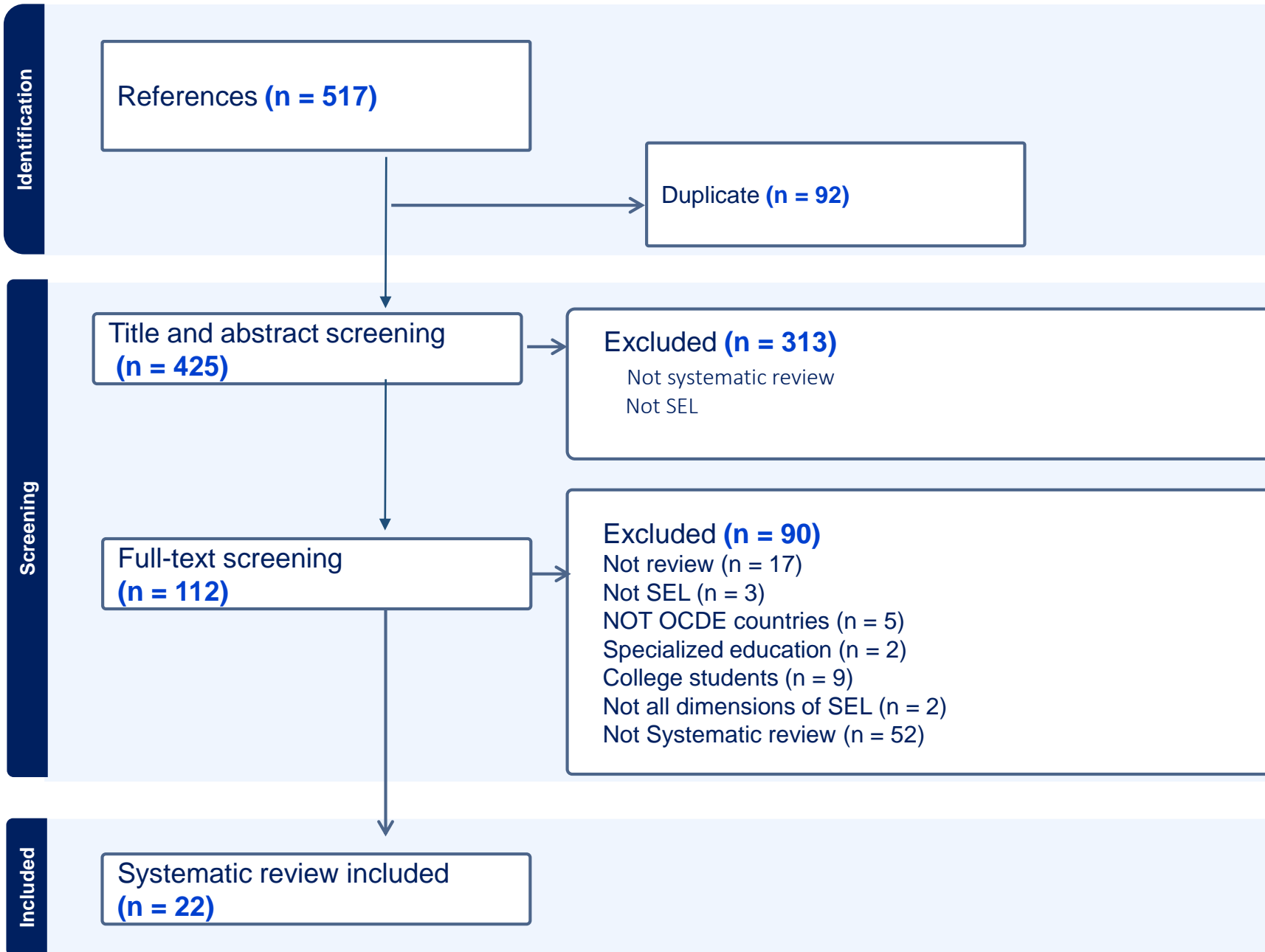


# Eligibility criteria

Study design	Systematic review with or without meta-analysis
Population	3-18 years old
Interventions	Tier 1/2 socio-emotional learning interventions
Design of included studies	RCT/QED/ causal alternative designs
Outcomes	Cognitive and non-cognitive outcomes
Date	2008

# Other informations

Research strategy	PsychInfo, Scopus, Eric, ASP, EconLit, Medline. Descriptors/terms about « socioemotional learning »
Results	426 references

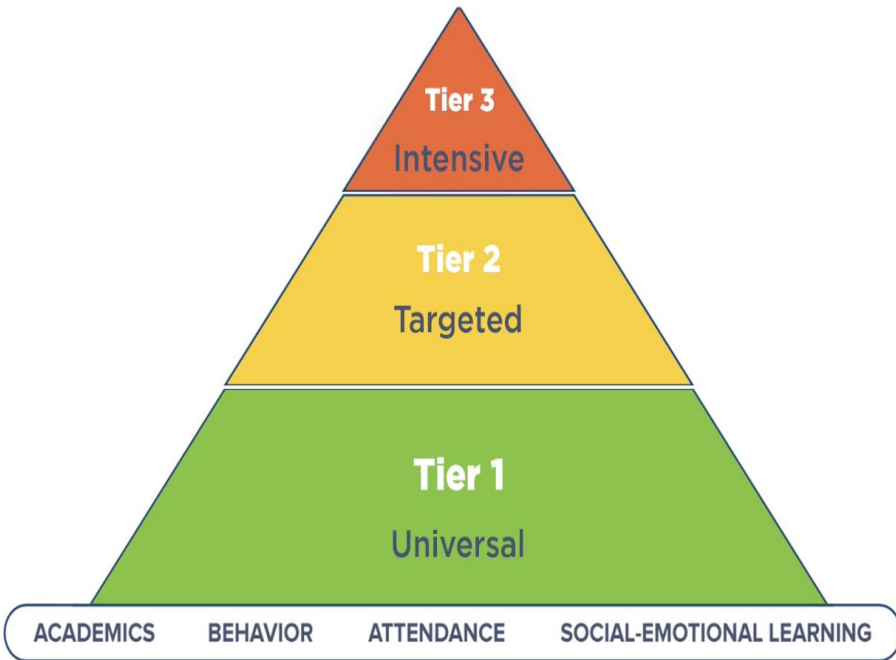




# Results

# Tiers in the reviews

> 133 different interventions



	<b>N = 22</b>
<b>Tier2</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Tier1 + Tier2</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Tier1</b>	<b>17</b>

47 Tier1 10 Tier2	N = 22	
	2 to 6 years old N=9	2 to 18 years old N=13
<b>Tier2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Tier1 &amp; 2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Tier2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>

# Discussion

- The field is teeming: there are so many publications on the subject that there is a plethora of systematic reviews, and even tertiary reviews (6 listed)
  - Reviews focusing on levels 1 or 2
  - Reviews focusing on preschool education
  - Reviews focusing on the main components of interventions
  - Reviews focusing on interventions in multicultural or disadvantaged environments
  - Reviews focusing on specific interventions
    - I Can Problem Solve
    - Tool of the Mind
    - PATHS
    - Second-step

McLeod (2016) identifies common practices in quality interventions: 49 articles, 475 practices > 24 core elements > 14 essentials

- Propose some choices
- Learn to regulate emotions
- Constructive and corrective feedbacks
- Modelling
- Provide opportunities for active, observable and specific student responses
- Ignore certain behaviors
- Praise
- "If-then": relate behaviors to consequences
- Problem-solving strategies
- Teaching behaviors
- Establishing a quality teacher/child relationship
- Using a method adapted to the child's cognitive and language level
- Teach pro-social behaviours

- Stefan (2022) : effects of 4 interventions
  - I Can Problem Solve Program (ICPS) (curriculum)
  - PATHS (curriculum)
  - Second Step (curriculum)
  - Tool of the Mind (approche intégrée)
  
- Teacher training : behavioural strategies to improve teachers-students interactions (PATHS, Second Step)
- Parents: inform parents(Second Step)
- Effects :
  - SEL :
    - $g=0,07$  to  $3,43$  for ICPS, PATHS, Second Step
    - $g = 0,26$  for Tools of the Mind (self regulation)
  - Behavioural problems:  $g=0,05$  to  $5,23$
  - Executive functions:  $g= 0,05$  to  $0,64$

# **I Can Problem Solve (ICPS)**

- Aim: to teach children how to solve problems and prevent problem situations (inter-personal cognitive problem-solving skills).
- Lessons focus on producing a variety of solutions to interpersonal problems, thinking about the consequences of each solution, identifying thoughts, feelings and motivations.
- The child (not the teacher) have to solve the problem
- Includes formal lessons and suggestions for integrating practice into daily classroom activities

# Second-Step

- Violence prevention curriculum to help children learn prosocial skills and reduce aggressive or impulsive behavior
- Program developed around three themes
  - Empathy
  - Managing emotions
  - Resolution
- Includes tools and manuals (kit: posters, puppets, CDs, home activities)



# Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies (PATHS)

- Aim: develop SEL skills
- Program developed with 4 domains
  - Friendship (prosocial)
  - Emotions
  - Self-control
  - Problem resolution
- Curriculum of 33 lessons
- Modelling : stories, discussions, photographs, role play
- Supplementary activities

# Tools of the Mind

- Basic skills, regulation of social and cognitive behavior, attention, memory, symbolic representation, basic math skills and literacy.
- Teachers help children develop psychological "tools" to improve their own functioning.
- Curriculum includes 40 lessons inspired by a Vygotskian approach based around role-playing activities, the use of self-regulation via "private speech", and teaching how to use external help to improve attention and memory.

- Some reviews list a large number of important characteristics for setting up an intervention: purpose of the program, type of socio-emotional skills, people involved (especially teachers), tools for measuring skills, and via what intermediary they are assessed, intensity of the program, involvement of parents, etc.
- We can be selective from a methodological point of view: RCT with six-month follow-up?

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