The purpose of this rubric is to evaluate proposed and implemented Social and Emotional Learning (SEL), Social Emotional and Academic Development (SEAD), Science of Learning and Development (SoLD), Whole Child Equity (WCE), and other related approaches.

**LANGUAGE**
Does the design use appropriate, accessible language?

**SUFFICIENT RESOURCES**
Do learners have all the resources they need to thrive, including the level of funds, effort, and emphasis deployed to identify, report, and address inequities that exist across schools and districts.

**ADAPTABILITY**
Does the approach and strategy change in response to context and community input?

**IDENTITY DEVELOPMENT**
Do young people have sufficient opportunities to develop and explore their personal and collective identities as part of the intentional promotion of thriving across multiple domains? (Thriving Equity page 3)

**CULTURAL ORIENTATION**
Is the program culturally and historically affirming, open to, and supportive of diverse perspectives and histories, or is it hegemonic (prescribing, promoting, and enforcing one set of cultural practices and worldview and destructive of others)?

**SAFE & SUPPORTIVE CLIMATE**
Do young people experience the institution’s climate as welcoming and nurturing or as anxiety-heightening and threatening?

**EXPLICIT ANTI-RACIST ORIENTATION**
Does the SEL program maintain the elimination of oppression, the promotion of equity and justice, and healing trauma as central goals? Does the approach reinforce social hierarchies (e.g., racial, gender) or actively work to dismantle them?

**COLLECTIVIST ORIENTATION/COMMUNAL ACTION/COOPERATION**
Does SEL strategy recognize the importance of collective progress, rather than solely individual development and mobility, as vital?

**ACTION AND EMPOWERMENT ORIENTATION**
Do young people learn to be passive or active in facilitating personal growth, shaping the strategy and improving their community and environment?

**ASSET-BASED APPROACH**
Does the SEL program imply or communicate a mission of helping young people and communities to thrive or does it emphasize correcting perceived deficits?

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