

Social-Emotional Development:
Deepening Understanding:
Exploring the Connections Between Culture
and Social-Emotional Development

Strands:	<i>Self</i>	<i>Social Interaction</i>	<i>Relationships</i>
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AFTER COMPLETING THIS ACTIVITY

Students will demonstrate **knowledge** and **skills** that are consistent with an increased understanding and application of the concepts addressed in this activity.

Students will demonstrate an understanding of:

- The ways context and culture, including experiences with our communities, language, and family, influence social-emotional development (*Standard 1*)*

Students will be able to:

- Identify and review research related to culture and social-emotional development (*Standards 1 & 6*)*
- Reflect upon and discuss how culture influences social-emotional development (*Standards 1 & 4*)*

* See Appendix A

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Before you start

This could be assigned as an extension of either “Exploring Our Images of Self,” “Identifying Examples of the Social-Emotional Development Foundations in Picture Books and Family Stories,” or as an independent activity.

Deepening understanding



Slide 2

Review with students some of the activities they have done in this instructional guide that have addressed the influence of culture on social-emotional development. Then, ask them to list some important ways in which cultural communities influence the development of social-emotional competence in young children.

Ask students to find research studies that explore the relationship of culture to social-emotional development

Some specific questions such as the following might be generated in class to guide these explorations:

- What are the social expectations for young children?

A possible exploration might have to do with how children are expected to behave in their interactions with adults.

- What cultural values are expressed in these expectations?

A possible exploration might relate to a cultural value about the community being more important than the individual.