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Where and when they leverage Minecraft differs, but teachers' enthusiasm for the game as a springboard for social and emotional learning is clear.

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Social and Emotional Learning with Minecraft

Minecraft: Education Edition facilitates a project-based learning environment that encourages iteration and ideation, developing skills that prepare students for the modern workforce.

- 97.7% Problem solving
- 95.5% Creativity
- 93.3% Critical Thinking
- 91.1% Collaboration
- 88.8% Decision Making
- 86.6% Communication

Use Minecraft for special projects or lessons: 33.3%
Learn in virtual worlds 2-3 times per week in class: 22.4%
Participate in Minecraft clubs or extracurricular groups: 15.5%
Are learning and gaming every day: 11.1%
Minecraft in my classroom: what educators had to say

I love learning with the students as they can become the leaders and managers of the learning experience. Lessons are vibrant and fresh. Unexpected moments of discovery give the whole class vitality and energy.

Parents have seen the creativity, problem solving, and critical thinking skills in our projects and realize the benefits.

Minecraft is a fantastic tool for teachers to use in preparing our students for the 21st Century workforce.

I have found Minecraft to be an excellent way to teach SEL. Understanding what type of gamer their students are helps teachers to reach each student.

Minecraft has a broad impact on teaching and learning and connects educators around the globe.

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Games have a powerful positive impact on students’ social and emotional learning. Through Minecraft, students around the globe are constructing, creating, problem solving, negotiating, and collaborating with each other.

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