

SEL Course: Justification Letter Template

Please feel free to use this justification letter template to communicate the benefits of this course to you and your school community.

Dear (School Leader Name)

I'm seeking your approval to attend the SEL for Teaching and Leading Course, which is endorsed by RIDE and offered by local non-profit, [NE Basecamp](#). This course is designed to help educators enhance our ability to create supportive and inclusive environments through evidence-based Social Emotional Learning.

Course Highlights:

- **RIDE Endorsed-** The course is recognised by RIDE, ensuring it meets high standards for PD.
- **Virtual Sessions-** The 10 2-hour sessions covering SEL, topics, including trauma-informed practices and cultural responsiveness.
- **Assignments/ Final Project-** The assignments throughout the course allow me to develop a practical action plan for classroom/schoolwide SEL improvement and apply these strategies directly to our students in our classrooms.
- **Onsite Support-** A unique aspect of this course is the in-person observation and feedback sessions that take place at our school. They are facilitated by NE Basecamp, require no sub coverage, and are in place to ensure effective implementation of the strategies we learn throughout the course.

Why This Matters:

- I'll gain new strategies to create a positive, supportive classroom where every student feels safe and valued.
- Integrating SEL with academic teaching is shown to improve both student well-being and academic performance.
- The course will equip me with the tools and strategies to better support our diverse student population.
- The on-site support component and final project means I'm supported throughout the process, and that what I learn will have an immediate, practical impact on my students.

I would greatly appreciate your approval and financial support to attend this training. You can read the [FAQ](#) and visit the [course website](#) to learn more.

Thank you for considering my request.

Best regard,

(Name)

(Position)

(Contact Info)