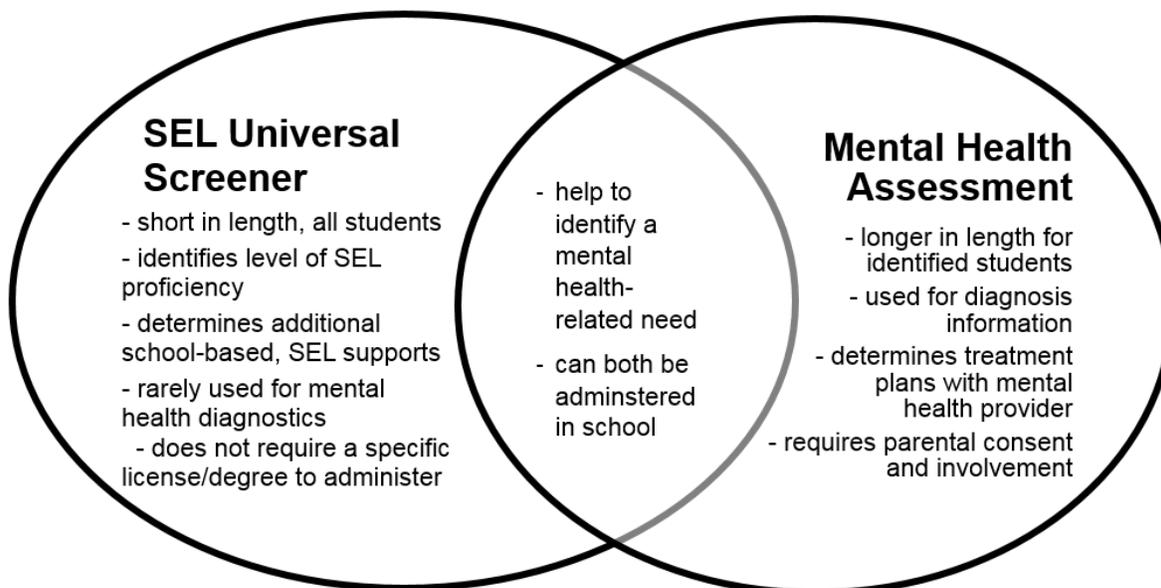


## Universal Screener Frequently Asked Questions

***What is the difference between a universal screener and a mental health assessment?***



***Is parental consent needed before administering a social and emotional universal screener to all students?***

Similar to academic universal screeners (NWEA, Dibels, etc.), it is best practice to share what SEL universal screener is being used and how the information will guide instruction with stakeholders such as parents. Each school corporation is tasked with determining if active parental consent is necessary before administration.

Schools should reference the following Indiana Code pertaining to consent for student surveys <http://iga.in.gov/legislative/laws/2018/ic/titles/020/#20-30-5-17> when determining the need for parental consent.

***What is the cost of a universal screener?***

The cost of a universal screener varies based on the tool that is chosen. Please visit the following websites for more information on evidence-based screeners:

- IDOE's Universal Screener Toolkit for a list of potential screeners:  
<https://www.doe.in.gov/sites/default/files/sebw/universal-screening-toolkit-updated-cover.pdf>

- Measuring SEL: Using Data to Inspire Practice: <http://measuringSEL.casel.org>

***What should schools do before implementing a universal screener?***

- Identify what Social and Emotional Competencies the school wants to survey
- Select an evidenced-based universal screener
- Select your screening population, location, and schedule
- Develop a referral network and tiered intervention list for SEL
- Create a communication plan for stakeholders
- Consider hiring district-level personnel for SEL and Mental Health
  - See guidance document endorsed by the Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana here: <https://www.doe.in.gov/sites/default/files/sebw/cisc-sel-recommendation.pdf>

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