



Re: School Counseling Curriculum Resource Adoption

Date: May 2026

Requestors: K-6 School Counseling Team

Why: According to our K-6 school counseling team, the current curriculum is outdated.

Request: Therefore, I am requesting permission to grant our seven K-6 school counselors access to the Bright Futures counseling platform, which provides access to research-based curriculum and associated professional development.

Rationale: Bright Futures Counseling has curated research-based resources to equip counselors with lessons, activities, and materials for all tiers of instruction, from whole-group to one-on-one counseling.

- Of the ten curricular options considered by the seven-member team, this resource proved to be the most user-friendly, with the largest breadth of resources to meet individual student needs.
- The opportunity to engage students through activities and games, rather than solely through lecture-based lessons, was a win for the counselors. They have been looking for more creative ways to deliver content on teamwork, problem-solving, decision-making, kindness, and related topics.
- Research-based resources continue to be a priority. This platform provides these resources in one place.

Reference & Parent Engagement: This resource was recommended to one of our counselors at a recent professional conference. Thank you to Crystal May at Needham Elementary for vetting this proposed resource with parents. None expressed objections or concerns.

Cost: Annual cost is \$390/counselor (7) = \$2730 (with 7% discount) Total = **\$2538.90**

- The team vetted ten options, ranging in cost from five figures to hundreds of dollars per building.