Behavior & SEL
Supporting the Whole Child with Branching Minds

A Whole Child Lens: Integrating Academics with Behavior

The Branching Minds platform provides districts and schools the ability to integrate data from several SEL and Behavioral Health assessments. Results are presented alongside academic assessments, intervention plans, behavior incidents, progress monitoring, and other documents and communications, so that educators can effectively leverage the data to determine what students’ needs are and how they should be addressed.

Evidence-Based Social-Emotional Competency Assessments

Branching Minds offers districts and schools access to a set of evidence-based social-emotional competency assessments. Both assessments are grounded in resilience theory and are directly aligned with the CASEL framework.

**The Social-Emotional Competency Assessment (SECA)**
- Completed by students or teachers.
- Used to measure multiple social-emotional skill areas, including:
  - Self-awareness
  - Self-management
  - Social-awareness
  - Relationship skills
  - Responsible decision-making
  - Goal-directed behavior
- Assessments can be administered up to three times across the school year to evaluate the progress of individuals or groups of students.

**Devereux Student Strengths Assessment (DESSA)**

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Using SEL Data to Guide Decision-Making and Planning

The Branching Minds platform includes several tools, features, and reports that summarize not only SEL and behavioral data, but also provide a series of actions that can be taken to ensure students are receiving the type and level of needed support.

**Bulk Tiering**
- Leverage cut scores from behavioral screeners
- Identify students needing more targeted behavioral support
- Review tier placements and make adjustments

**Tier Level Reporting**
- See the percent and number of students in each tier broken down by school, grade, gender, race, ethnicity, English proficiency, and FRL status
- Understand and evaluate the fidelity of support across tiers.

**Cohort Assessment Performance Report**
- See the specific strengths and challenge areas across cohorts of students
- Guide classroom teachers in Tier 1 SEL curriculum to focus on certain skills and competencies with which their students are struggling
- Assist counselors, specialists, and social workers to identify groups of students with similar needs and/or develop targeted intervention plans.

**Finding and Implementing Evidence-Based Resources**

Branching Minds has curated the most comprehensive and instructive library of evidence-based learning supports of any MTSS platform. The SEL & Behavioral Health library includes:
- Commonly used evidence-based intervention programs
- School or district purchased resources, plus hundreds of free evidence-based strategies, activities, resources, and SEL programs, such as Harmony SEL and Kindness in the Classroom

**Reviewing Implementation and Progress**

Educators can not only document in the platform, but also:
- Collaborate seamlessly and see results of interventions provided
- Develop SEL & Behavioral Health plans directly
- Assign interventions and progress monitoring tasks to teachers
- Review the frequency of behavior incidents across demographic variables
- Gain insight into certain patterns or trends
- Provide leadership understanding of where behavioral support and resources are needed

School Leaders and Administrators can use the Cohort Assessment Performance Report and the Benchmark Assessment Growth Report to:
- Monitor student improvement in their social-emotional skills
- Gain insights into the effectiveness of implemented SEL programs and practices
- Filtering by key demographic characteristics to ensure equitable implementation of resources and support