



BUYING GUIDE

Choosing the Right Program for Your School or District

Empowering Kids with Skills for Life

This at-a-glance guide will help you choose from our cohesive family of evidence-based, research-backed human skills curricula and professional development resources that work together to help PreK-12 students thrive not just today but also in college, the workforce, and life.

Our Human Skills Focus

Created by Committee for Children, the Second Step® family of programs provides schools and districts with a strong foundation for student success, in every classroom, at every age.

Our approach:

- Equips students with foundational life skills like collaboration, resilience, empathy, and emotion regulation
- Provides developmentally appropriate instruction from PreK through Grade 12, tailored to each stage of learning
- Promotes positive outcomes, including improved academic motivation, increased self-management, and enhanced school climate
- Supports educators and school communities with tools to foster well-being and create welcoming, supportive environments

To learn more about the benefits, visit secondstep.org/research



**From Readiness to Resilience:
 The Second Step Human Skills Journey**

Why Partner with Committee for Children?

About us	Nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization and sole source provider since 1979 (first curriculum published 1981)
Our programs	Second Step programs reach over 20 million children in 45,000 schools in all 50 states and around the world.
Curriculum support	We have an outstanding 97.5% customer satisfaction rating and a less than one-minute wait time by phone.
Data privacy	Industry standard privacy practices are in place, in accordance with applicable law, to protect the personal data of our users. Student data is not collected.



Student Curricula

Second Step® Digital Programs	Second Step® Elementary (K–5)	Second Step® Middle School (6–8)	Second Step® High School (9–12)
Stand-alone lessons and activities differentiated by grade	✓	✓	✓
Research-based	✓	✓	✓
Evidence-based	✓	✓	
Supports life skills development: nurturing positive relationships, managing emotions, meeting goals	✓	✓	✓
Universal curricula help build a positive school climate	✓	✓	✓
Tiered interventions that offer small group lessons, individual supports, and an optional Assessment Toolkit	✓	✓	
Academic Integration Activities and guidance		✓	✓
Extension/Advisory activities	✓	✓	✓
Undergoes continuous improvement process with yearly updates	✓	✓	✓
Formative and summative assessments	✓	✓	
Supports bilingual education (Spanish)	✓	✓	
Family engagement resources and guidance (13 languages)	✓	✓	✓
Quick and easy educator training and onboarding resources	✓	✓	✓
Progress reporting for classroom, school, and district via Leader Dashboard	✓	✓	✓
Embedded and flexible implementation supports with pacing options	✓	✓	✓
Training workshops	✓	✓	✓
Supports diverse learning styles	✓	✓	✓
Includes accessibility features	✓	✓	✓
Approved for a <u>variety of funding</u> (e.g., Title I and Title IV)	✓	✓	✓
Single sign-on available (ClassLink, Clever, Google)	✓	✓	✓
Aligned with:			
CASEL core competencies	✓	✓	✓
ASCA Mindsets & Behaviors	✓	✓	✓
Restorative practices	✓	✓	✓
Character and Social-Emotional Development National Guidelines	✓	✓	✓
Trauma-informed practices in schools	✓	✓	✓
Culturally inclusive framework	✓	✓	✓
Student support frameworks (PBIS and MTSS)	✓	✓	✓



Second Step® Classroom Kits	Second Step® Early Learning	Second Step® Elementary Kits (K-5)	Bullying Prevention Unit (K-5)	Child Protection Unit (PreK-5)	Second Step® Out-of-School Time (K-5)
Stand-alone lessons differentiated by grade	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Research-based	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Evidence-based	✓	✓			✓
Supports life skills development: nurturing positive relationships, managing emotions, meeting goals	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Universal curricula help build a positive school climate	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Academic Integration Activities and guidance	✓	✓			
Extension activities	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Supports bilingual education (Spanish)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Family engagement resources and guidance	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Online training modules and implementation resources	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Approved for a <u>variety of funding</u> (e.g., Title I and Title IV)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Single sign-on available (ClassLink, Clever, Google)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Workshop for leaders and educators	✓				
Aligned with:					
CASEL core competencies	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Student support frameworks (PBIS and MTSS)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
ASCA Mindsets & Behaviors	✓	✓	✓		
Restorative practices	✓	✓	✓		
Erin's Law requirements				✓	
Trauma-informed practices in schools	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Professional Development

Professional Development	Research-Based	For K-12 Educators and Leaders	Embedded Training	Unlimited Staff Access	Flexible Pacing Options	Aligned with CASEL Core	Aligned with ASCA Mindsets & Behaviors	SSO
Second Step® SEL for Adults	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓