

Bright Thinker[®]

CURRICULUM

Bright Thinker[®] provides quality, character-based digital learning options that equip students to be academically successful with ample opportunities for practice, deeper learning, and proof of mastery.

Teachers and parents are invested partners in the students' learning. Bright Thinker courses are flexible for teachers and students to use or modify to meet individual needs in a blended learning environment.

Courses are academically rigorous and provide different levels of learning to meet all the requirements. Through the curriculum, students build vocabulary and become better readers by taking ownership of their learning. Students also receive character education that is embedded within the course material to encourage a life of moral excellence.

The Bright Thinker curriculum allows students to progress at their pace. Students who are more skilled or have previous knowledge may proceed at a quicker rate in the areas of their strengths. Students who need more time to grasp academic concepts are encouraged to do their best, but are able to work at their levels of proficiency and proceed as they are capable.

Each core subject consists of 10 Units. Typically, students work on one Unit in each subject daily. Most students complete at least 60 Units per year.

“We love using Bright Thinker with our students who need differentiated learning options. Bright Thinker allows teachers to accommodate and modify instructional work as needed for the students while maintaining alignment with state academic standards. The students engage with the content positively and are typically quite successful. Our high school students have obtained the necessary credits that help them earn a diploma for graduation.”

—Stillwater ISD, OK

K-12 CURRICULUM



Bright Thinker offers a variety of K–12 online curriculum solutions and is backed by an experienced team of educators, researchers, technologists, and instructional designers who are committed to making learning accessible for all students. Our streamlined interface gives students the tools they need to succeed by giving them individualized learning experiences. Bright Thinker features customizable lessons, levels of instruction, interactive videos, and more—all in one spot!

What is a Unit?

Bright Thinker has taken the traditional-style textbook and divided it into bite-sized, obtainable worktexts called Units. Each grade level consists of 10 Units in each core subject for a two-semester course. One-semester courses are usually 5 Units.

Bright Thinker stands out from other curriculum providers with its individualized, self-instructional, mastery-based approach. Units allow students to absorb subject material according to their learning abilities with minimal assistance rather than being pushed forward or held back by their abilities or age. Students may move ahead in some subject areas and proceed at a slower pace in others. Overall, students progress forward once they have demonstrated mastery in a subject.

PEDAGOGY OF A UNIT



OBJECTIVES

At the beginning of each Unit, there is an objectives list. Students know what is expected and assume responsibility for their own learning.



VOCABULARY

Throughout each Unit, the introduction of new vocabulary words is controlled so that no new vocabulary word is used without the student first learning its meaning and pronunciation. These words are repeated to ensure mastery.



CHARACTER EDUCATION

Character education stories and examples are embedded throughout the Units.



LESSONS

In each lesson, learning activities and questions are in bite-sized segments to reinforce the material for deeper learning. Lesson assessment questions cover different levels of learning. Projects and labs are also included where appropriate. Students are introduced to new concepts, and some concepts are spiraled for reinforcement.



SECTIONS

A typical Unit contains two or three sections. Each section has two or three lessons. At the end of each section is a quiz. If mastery in an area is not achieved, the quiz will reveal that weak area. Students can then take the time necessary to review and learn those concepts before proceeding to the next section.



EVALUATIONS

Upon completion of the lessons, activities, and quizzes, students prepare to take the Practice Test. Here, students evaluate themselves, and a teacher determines readiness for the final Unit Test. When the Practice Test is completed successfully, students may be allowed to take the Unit Test. The Unit Test measures students' mastery of the material. No new concepts are introduced on the Unit Test.

“Bright Thinker has a rigorous curriculum that engages students online and in the classroom. Our Bright Thinker representative is always helpful and supportive. The platform is easy to use and provides a great variety of courses.”

—IEM Schools, CA

ADAPTABLE CURRICULUM

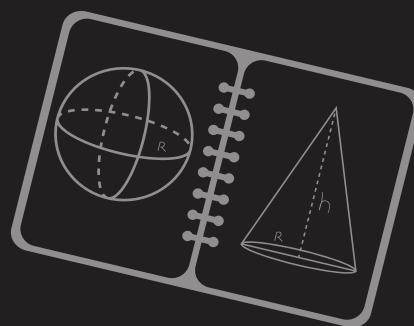
Teachers and instructors can add content, modify courses, and provide supplemental materials, projects, and discussions for collaborative learning.

There is a robust digital library of standards-aligned material where teachers may provide differentiated instruction to the course, and lesson extensions can be inserted.

Teachers find the flexible platform and content to be effective in both hybrid and direct-instruction class settings.

STANDARDS ALIGNMENTS

The Bright Thinker courses are aligned with state standards and Common Core State Standards. Every course is built with the most relevant standards and provides resources in all phases of development. The standards and the digital library may be used together to provide intervention for students' learning. Bright Thinker offers a variety of K–12 online curriculum solutions and is backed by an experienced team of educators, researchers, technologists, and instructional designers who are committed to making learning accessible for all students.



The curriculum provides students with a combination of text, graphics, and videos/ interactive media that meets each learner's needs.

Special Population services are moving the needle on students' academic progress through the ease of customizing the content for each student.

The courses include a mix of assessment types, projects, tests, and activities that allows the teacher to integrate authentic instructional feedback, which personalizes the learning experience for each student.

Dashboards are included so students, parents, and teachers can see overall and specific progress at a glance, allowing for timely intervention and analysis of student performance.

The intuitive navigation and the integration of knowledge checks make this curriculum ideal for young learners.

The curriculum is great to stand alone or use in blended and hybrid learning. Classes can be synchronous or asynchronous. Settings allow mastery levels to be gated or ungated.

The graphics are high quality and instructionally relevant for use in a blended-learning model.

Reporting is easy and makes all instruction data-driven.

“Our students and teachers have found Bright Thinker print curriculum provides a tangible way to separate the course curriculum into manageable and attainable chunks. This is especially true when compared to large heavy textbooks which can feel overwhelming to both families and students to teach and learn from.

High school students who are deficient in credits have been more successful with Bright Thinker as they know precisely what they need to do in order to attain the specific amount of credits they may be behind. This has instilled hope that a high school diploma is not as far off as might seem. Bright Thinker has contributed to “academic momentum” as credit deficient students are able to progress relatively quickly.”

—Dan La Bar, Principal; William Finch Charter

Bright Thinker's K-2 Phonics program is firmly grounded in the science of reading and based on the Orton-Gillingham approach.

Students develop the language processes necessary for reading fluently and writing effectively by building a strong foundation in:

- phonological awareness
- decoding
- handwriting
- spelling

Daily formative assessments and weekly summative assessments empower teachers to:

- monitor student progress
- identify areas for additional support

Each student demonstrates mastery of key learning-to-read skills and concepts before the next level.



The Phonics program's decodable readers are practical tools that help children engage in reading.

- Readers feature simple text with engaging characters.
- Each reader reinforces Phonics Lesson sounds and words.
- Phonics Units show students when to use each reader.
- Phonics Units provide pre-reading activities to review reading rules or introduce tricky words, and post-reading questions to ensure comprehension.

ACCOMMODATED CURRICULUM

Same base curriculum as used by the general education students

- allows special program and Gen Ed students to have the same work each day
- allows for live teaching concepts to match up day to day
- ensures special population students to not be singled out with different curriculum, tests, etc.

MODIFICATIONS INCLUDE:

- reduced number of test, practice test, and quiz questions
- reduced number of activities and writing assignments

ACCOMMODATIONS CAN INCLUDE:

- removal of time limits
- option to reduce answer choices
- ability to highlight while reading
- text-to-speech built in
- ability to take and save notes in the content while reading
- WCAG 2.0 compliant
- ability to save and continue working for extended time
- built-in answer eliminator
- ability for students to bookmark and review assessment questions before submitting

KNOWLEDGE ASSESSMENT COURSES

The Knowledge Assessment (KA) courses are offered for 3rd–12th grade core courses. KA courses can be used for a variety of applications such as:

- credit recovery
- test prep
- transfer students
- acceleration/intervention
- quick review of the course
- gauge of how much content the student has mastered



Knowledge Assessment courses are designed with a pretest at the beginning of each Unit which allows students to test out of each Unit after demonstrating mastery of the Unit's concepts.

“Bright Thinker has a simple interface that is easily accessible for my elementary and middle school students. The instructions and learning materials are clear and concise. Lesson submissions are simple and straightforward.

This program has multiple reporting features, in addition to very responsive, near real-time technical support team. I am very pleased with the Bright Thinker product and support systems. I would strongly recommend this learning management system.”

—Kernville Union, CA

“The credit recovery electives for students and the High School course work, especially in Science and Social Studies, have been so beneficial to our school.”

—Harvest Prep, AZ

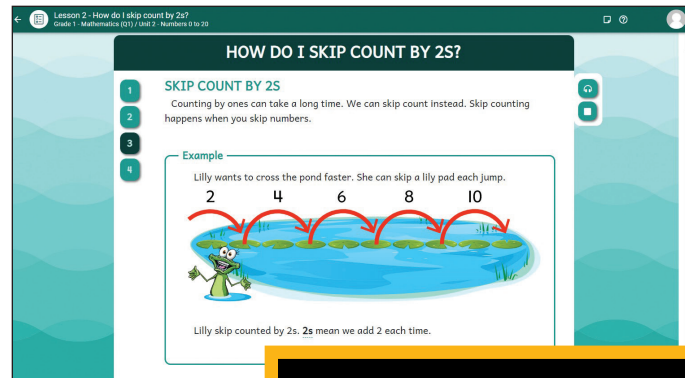


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EMPOWERING STUDENTS TO BE SUCCESSFUL

ENGAGING K-2 COURSES

K-2 courses have Teacher Guides. Explore the new look for this age group. Materials include extra practice and supplemental materials.



Over 8,000
interactives
and videos!

K-5 PINEY WOODS COMMUNITY

- enhance learning concepts
- teach character-building lessons

