Triage or Sorting

SB-SBIRT Risk Categorization

SB-SBIRT uses a tiered follow-up structure that prioritizes students who endorse risk factors. The below algorithm was used to categorize students as Tier 1, Tier 2, or Tier 3 based on the risk factors endorsed. All students received personalized feedback and answered questions about protective factors and relevant context such as goals, home life, and coping strategies.

Levels	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
	Personalized Feedback/No Flag	Brief Intervention	Immediate BI + referral
Screening Criteria	Reports low sleep only All students regardless of behaviors endorsed see feedback on: Tips for improved sleep Info that most teens don't drink or use marijuana and the risks of alcohol and marijuana use Info about the harms of vaping on your health Tips to prevent depression, why checking your mood is important	 Reported using substances (including e-cigs or cigarettes/tobacco) in the past school year Reported somatic symptoms (frequent pains and aches) more than half the days or nearly everyday Depression symptoms (PHQ-2 +) Anxiety symptoms (GAD-2 +) Wants to speak with a counselor confidentially in the next few weeks. Reports intention to use marijuana or alcohol in the next year (including e-cigs or cigarettes/tobacco) (maybe or likely to use) Feels harassed/threatened in some way in the past year Feels angry, worried, or sad on most days (and does not also endorse ok, great, or good). 	 Endorses self-harm or suicidal thoughts, ever tried to kill themselves Feels harassed/threatened in some way in the past year and feels their safety is currently at risk Wants to speak with a counselor confidentially asap
Relevant	Biggest supports, Best qualities		
Context	Goals, coping strategies		
	 Connection to adults at school, feels safe at school Sleep hours Home life – food or housing insecurity, safety issues Knowing if the student is already receiving services (mental health) 		