



Dear Bristol School Parents and Guardians of students in grades 6-8,

We would like to tell you about a program our school has been using to help your child prepare for academic, career, and future success. It is called Xello (more information below). We started using this online program in the fall of 2019 with students in middle school as part of **Academic and Career Planning (ACP)**.

ACP is part of the Wisconsin Department of Instruction's overall vision for every student to graduate high school academically, socially, emotionally, and life ready. For more information on **ACP** please click here: [DPI & ACP](#)

Did you know?: **ACP** "is a requirement for Wisconsin school boards. Under **Wis. Stat. § 115.28(59)(b)** every school board will ensure that it is providing academic and career planning services to pupils enrolled in grades 6 to 12 in the school district..." (dpi.wis.gov, 2021).

ACP is also a part of the [Wisconsin School Counseling Model](#) and the [American School Counselor Association Standards: Mindsets & Behaviors](#)

More did you know: Even though only students in grades 6-8th grade will use Xello (the online ACP software program) - we do ACP activities and lessons with students in grades 4K - 5th grade too.

If your child is in

- **6th grade or new to Bristol School and in middle school** - we will introduce Xello to students via our school counseling lessons.
- **7th or 8th grade** we will soon continue our work in Xello from last school year(s) via our school counseling lessons.

Middle School: In addition to our regular school counseling lessons - we will also be working in Xello throughout the school year.

Now more about Xello - Please see the parent/guardian information below from Xello:

[Say Hello to Xello \(link\):](#)

Xello is an engaging online program that helps students build the skills, knowledge and plans to be future ready. The program uses an investigative, discovery-based learning process. Students better understand themselves, their future career options, and the 21st century skills they'll need to succeed.

"Wisconsin State Statute 15.28(59) requires that school districts be provided a computer software [program], to be used statewide by school districts, to provide academic and career planning (ACP) services to pupils in grades 6-12..." Students use the Xello software for this requirement. (dpi.wi.gov, 2021).

Here's how it works...

The Student Experience with Xello

With Xello, your child will:

1. **Build Self-knowledge:** Define their interests, skills, preferences, and aspirations so they can explore the opportunities right for them.
2. **Explore Options:** Learn about career possibilities and educational pathways by exploring rich, engaging content and lessons.
3. **Create a Plan:** Your child can create dynamic actionable plans that outline the steps needed to achieve school, career, and life goals.
4. **Learn and Reassess:** Interactive lessons help your child develop age appropriate skills and knowledge for success in school and beyond.

Parent/Guardian Involvement in Xello and ACP:

You're encouraged to explore Xello with your child by logging in together. Your child can log in to his or her account via desktop or mobile device to share what they've learned about themselves, the world of work, and their future options.

Safe and Secure Environment:

We take data protection and privacy very seriously. **So does Xello!** The program complies with legal requirements for safety and security outlined in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). That means advertising is not displayed within Xello, nor is data used for commercial purposes. Xello is also a signatory of the Student Privacy Pledge, requiring them to uphold strict standards for safeguarding student privacy regarding the collection, maintenance, and use of student personal information.

You can learn more about Xello and the student experience by visiting www.xello.world

We hope you're just as excited as we are about this program and making every student future ready. If you have any questions please contact your child's school counselor.

Sincerely,

