



## **Kimika & Kalynn: Sisters**

**Inclusive Literacy & Social-Emotional Learning Program**

**Grades 2–5 | Print-Based Instructional Resource**

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### **Program Overview**

Many elementary schools seek instructional resources that strengthen literacy skills while also supporting students’ social and emotional development. **Kimika & Kalynn: Sisters** is a culturally responsive, standards-aligned literacy and SEL program designed to meet this need.

The series aligns to **New York State Next Generation ELA Standards** and embeds **CASEL-aligned Social-Emotional Learning competencies** throughout each text. Through engaging, relatable narratives rooted in real-world experiences, students develop reading comprehension, vocabulary, speaking and listening skills, and written response abilities—while also strengthening empathy, self-awareness, and responsible decision-making.

Each story models positive behaviors, including conflict resolution, communication, collaboration, and reflection. These lessons support classroom instruction, counseling initiatives, and schoolwide SEL goals, making the program suitable for both academic and social-emotional interventions.

By integrating literacy instruction with intentional SEL practices, **Kimika & Kalynn: Sisters** supports whole-child development, fosters meaningful classroom dialogue, and contributes to a positive, inclusive school climate.

## Available Program Packages

### Small-Group Support Package

Ideal for Guidance Counselors, Social Workers, and Small-Group Interventions

Item	Quantity	Cost
Kimika & Kalynn Chapter Books	25	\$300
Teacher's Guide (all 25 books)	1	\$99
Student Workbook (consumable)	1	\$21
<b>Total Package Cost</b>		<b>\$420</b>

**Recommended use:**

- Counseling groups
- Tier 2 / Tier 3 MTSS interventions
- Social skills instruction
- Pull-out or push-in SEL lessons

## Complete Classroom Package

Designed for a full classroom of approximately 30 students

Included Materials
30 complete sets of the 25-book series (750 total books)
30 student workbooks ( <i>consumable</i> )
1 comprehensive Teacher's Guide with lesson plans and activities for all 25 books

**Total Cost per Classroom: \$9,729**

**Recommended use:**

- Core ELA instruction
- Integrated SEL instruction
- Classroom libraries
- Literacy blocks and read-alouds

## District Bulk Pricing

Number of Classrooms	Discount	Price per Classroom
1–4	None	\$9,729
5–9	5%	\$9,242
10–19*	10%	\$8,756
20–29*	15%	\$8,269
30–50*	20%	\$7,783

\* Includes a complimentary Professional Development workshop focused on effective classroom and counseling implementation of the program.

## Implementation-Based Package Options

### Model A: Weekly Read-Aloud + Circle

#### Schoolwide Literacy & SEL Foundation (Tier 1)

##### Best for:

Read-alouds, restorative circles, advisory, morning meetings, schoolwide SEL

##### Includes

- 25 Kimika & Kalynn chapter books (full series)
- 1 Comprehensive Teacher's Guide (all titles)
- Circle Discussion & Reflection Toolkit
- Weekly Read-Aloud Implementation Guide

**Price: \$499 per school**

##### Why this works:

Model A is designed as a **universal Tier 1 solution** that strengthens literacy and social-emotional learning simultaneously, without requiring schools to adopt a separate SEL curriculum or restructure their schedules.

Through weekly read-alouds and facilitated classroom or community circles, students engage in **shared texts that model real-life challenges**, including friendship, conflict resolution, identity, kindness, responsibility, and perseverance. These narratives provide a **safe, consistent entry point** for discussion, allowing students to practice speaking, listening, and reasoning skills aligned with the **NYC DOE Blueprint for Literacy**.

The discussion and reflection components reinforce **Restorative Practices** by encouraging student voice, perspective-taking, and respectful dialogue. Because all students experience the same texts, schools are able to establish a **common SEL language and set of expectations**, supporting schoolwide coherence.

From a fiscal standpoint, Model A represents a **high-leverage, cost-effective investment** that supports:

- Schoolwide literacy instruction
- Positive school climate initiatives
- Universal SEL instruction under MTSS Tier 1 without duplicating existing programs or materials.

## Model B: Small Group (MTSS Tier 2)

### Targeted Literacy & Social Skills Intervention

#### Best for:

Guidance counselors, social workers, interventionists, AIS, MTSS Tier 2 groups

#### Includes

- 25 Kimika & Kalynn chapter books
- 1 Comprehensive Teacher's Guide
- 10 Student Workbooks (*consumable*)
- Small-Group Lesson Plans & Progress Monitoring Tools

**Price: \$699 per small-group set**

#### Why this works:

Model B is intentionally structured for **Tier 2 MTSS interventions**, addressing the needs of students who require **additional academic and/or social-emotional support** beyond core classroom instruction.

In this model, students participate in small-group lessons that combine **explicit reading comprehension instruction** with **guided SEL skill-building**. The stories provide developmentally appropriate scenarios that allow students to practice emotional regulation, communication, and decision-making within a literacy-rich context.

Unlike isolated skill drills or scripted SEL lessons, this approach maintains **student dignity and engagement**. Students are not “pulled” for behavior; they are invited into a literacy group centered on meaningful stories, which reduces stigma and increases participation.

The included workbooks and progress-monitoring tools allow educators to:

- Document intervention supports for MTSS compliance
- Track growth in comprehension, vocabulary, and SEL competencies
- Align instruction with counseling goals and IEP or intervention plans where appropriate

Model B supports schools in meeting **accountability requirements** while delivering instruction that feels purposeful, culturally responsive, and connected to classroom learning.

## Model C: Family Engagement Pack

### Home–School Literacy & SEL Connection

#### Best for:

Title I family engagement, take-home literacy programs, community outreach

#### Includes

- 10 Kimika & Kalynn chapter books (lending set)
- 10 Family Discussion Guides
- Parent Letter Templates (English/Spanish ready)
- At-Home SEL Activity Sheets

**Price: \$349 per pack**

#### Why this works:

Model C extends the impact of classroom instruction by intentionally engaging families as **partners in literacy and social-emotional development**.

The Family Engagement Pack is designed to support **Title I parent involvement requirements** by providing families with accessible, culturally responsive materials that encourage shared reading and meaningful conversation at home. The stories mirror challenges children face in school, helping families reinforce the same language, values, and problem-solving strategies introduced in the classroom.

Discussion guides and at-home SEL activities reduce barriers for families by:

- Offering clear conversation starters
- Modeling how to talk with children about feelings and choices
- Supporting families who may not feel confident facilitating academic discussions

This model strengthens the **home–school connection**, improves consistency in expectations and language, and reinforces literacy skills through authentic family interaction.

Model C is particularly effective for:

- Family literacy nights
- Take-home lending libraries
- Outreach to historically underserved families

### **Strategic Value for NYC DOE Schools**

When used together, **Models A, B, and C** form a cohesive, multi-tiered system of literacy and SEL support aligned to:

- NYS Next Generation ELA Standards
- CASEL competencies
- MTSS frameworks
- Restorative Practices
- Comprehensive Education Plan (CEP) goals

This tiered approach allows schools to scale support equitably, ensuring that all students benefit from high-quality instruction while targeted supports are available where needed.

## Additional Materials & Replacements

Item	Cost
Replacement Student Workbook Set (30 students)	\$630
Replacement set of chapter books (25 books)	\$450
Additional Teacher's Guide	\$99
Stand-Alone Lesson Plan Book	\$50

### Why Schools Choose This Program

- Supports **NYS Next Generation ELA Standards**
- Aligns with **CASEL SEL competencies**
- Appropriate for **MTSS**, counseling, and classroom instruction
- Culturally responsive and inclusive
- Flexible for classroom, small-group, and intervention use
- Compatible with **Title I, ESSA, SEL, and Literacy funding**



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