

Students

Use of Educational Technologies; Student Data Privacy and Security

Educational technologies used in the Joint Agreement shall further the objectives of the Joint Agreement's educational program and/or support efficient Joint Agreement operations. The Director shall ensure that the use of educational technologies in the Joint Agreement meets the above criteria.

The Joint Agreement and/or vendors under its control may need to collect and maintain data that personally identifies students in order to use certain educational technologies for the benefit of student learning or Joint Agreement operations.

Federal and State law govern the protection of student data, including school student records and/or *covered information*. The sale, rental, lease, or trading of any school student records or covered information by the Joint Agreement is prohibited. Protecting such information is important for legal compliance, Joint Agreement operations, and maintaining the trust of Joint Agreement stakeholders, including parents, students and staff.

Definitions

Covered information means personally identifiable information (PII) or information linked to PII in any media or format that is not publicly available and is any of the following: (1) created by or provided to an operator by a student or the student's parent/guardian in the course of the student's or parent/guardian's use of the operator's site, service or application; (2) created by or provided to an operator by an employee or agent of the Joint Agreement; or (3) gathered by an operator through the operation of its site, service, or application.

Operators are entities (such as educational technology vendors) that operate Internet websites, online services, online applications, or mobile applications that are designed, marketed, and primarily used for K-12 school purposes.

Breach means the unauthorized acquisition of computerized data that compromises the security, confidentiality or integrity of covered information maintained by an operator or the Joint Agreement.

Operator Contracts

The Director or designee designates which Joint Agreement employees are authorized to enter into written agreements with operators for those contracts that do not require separate Executive Board approval. Contracts between the Board and operators shall be entered into in accordance with State law and shall include any specific provisions required by State law.

Security Standards

The Director or designee shall ensure the Joint Agreement implements and maintains reasonable security procedures and practices that otherwise meet or exceed industry standards designed to protect covered information from unauthorized access, destruction, use, modification, or disclosure. In the event the Joint Agreement receives notice from an operator of a breach or has determined a breach has occurred, the Director or designee shall also ensure that the Joint Agreement provides any breach notifications required by State law.

LEGAL REF.: 20 U.S.C. §1232g, Family and Educational Rights and Privacy Act; 34 C.F.R. Part 99.
105 ILCS 10/, Ill. School Student Records Act.
105 ILCS 85/, Student Online Personal Protection Act.
23 Ill. Admin. Code Part 380

CROSS REF.: 6:235 (Access to Electronic Networks), 7:240 (Student Records)

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