

SDP (Student Data Privacy)

The system and procedures concerned with maintaining an appropriate and legal amount of protection for a student's personal information.

Data Privacy Agreement (DPA)

A Data Privacy Agreement (DPA) is a formal contract between parties—typically between a school or district and a service provider—that outlines the responsibilities and requirements for handling, storing, and protecting student data. The agreement specifies how student information must be managed to comply with relevant privacy laws and regulations, such as FERPA or state-specific acts, and ensures that personal data is not misused, improperly disclosed, or accessed without authorization. DPAs are essential for safeguarding student privacy when educational technology or third-party services are used in schools.

De-Identifiable Information

Data stripped of all personally identifiable details.

Personally Identifiable Information (PII)

Personally identifiable information includes any data that directly or indirectly identifies a student, such as name, family members, address, social security or district number, birth details, mother's maiden name, or other information linked to a student. Metadata about student interactions with applications or devices, and even aggregate data may also be considered personally identifiable if it can be linked to an individual student.

Data

Includes all education records, student records, Personally Identifiable Information (PII), directory data/information, de-identified information, and other non-public information. Data include, but are not limited to, student data, metadata, and user content.

Adopted

A technology resource evaluated by a team, often via RFP, to support a specific content area or district-wide purpose.

Supported

The resource is either naturally safe or has been managed to ensure it is suitable for staff and student use. This might include signed DPA from the vendor, if it requires PII to create student accounts, is safe for our network security, and will work with our technology hardware.

Supported with Caution

A resource that is conditionally approved for district use. This resource may offer student accounts, or questionable website features but has been allowed with stipulations (e.g.-use but without accounts).

Not Supported

A resource that will not be allowed for use in our district because of a risk of either supplanting/unalignment with our curriculum or data privacy/networking security concerns (will be documented).