



Suffolk RIC Service Offering

District Data Protection Officer Support Service 2026/2027 School Year

This service is designed to support a district's Data Protection Officer (DPO) as they strive to meet Education Law 2-d requirements and increase their cyber security posture. Districts agree to use the RIC One NIST policies and procedures, when appropriate, and to a phased-in approach of controls and prioritization of systems. Districts that commit to this service are automatically enrolled in the RIC One Data Privacy and Security Core Service (DPSS) and will receive personalized, one-on-one support with all aspects of Ed Law 2-d. This dedicated time can be used as the district sees fit, through the use of onsite visits or remote meetings. Additionally, the Cyber Governance Team will conduct a thorough review of each district's website to ensure Ed Law 2-d compliance and conduct twice annual external vulnerability scans against the districts network.

In order to help facilitate the districts compliance with Ed Law 2-d, the Suffolk RIC can assist with each section of the law in the following ways:

121.8—Data Protection Officer

The RIC will support the DPO to coordinate their implementation of Ed Law 2-d, Part 121 requirements. We offer dedicated support days to every district for one-on-one assistance with all aspects of their compliance

121.5 - Data Security and Privacy Policy

The RIC will assist the DPO with the editing, cataloging and posting of policies that fulfill Part 121 regulations.

121.5—NIST Cybersecurity Framework (CSF)

The RIC will support the DPO in cataloging the district's current profile as related to the NIST CSF using documentation created by RIC One. Each district will be provided a license to the Axio360 online compliance solution to document their adherence to the NIST CSF. The RIC will assist the district to conduct a phased in approach to all controls and prioritization of systems, resulting in a gap analysis and action plan aimed at meeting the RIC One Target Profiles. Additionally, the RIC will conduct semi-annual vulnerability scanning in coordination with the RIC's Technical Services team.

121.3—Parents Bill of Rights

Assist the district with updating and posting of the Parents Bill of Rights

121.2, 1221.5, 121.7—Protection of Personally Identifiable Information (PII)

The RIC will recommend best-practices for the protection of Student PII and Staff APPR Data based on industry standards



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121.3—Third Party Contracts (Part of DPSS Core Service)

The RIC will support the DPO in the collection and cataloging of all applications in use in the district, particularly those that house student PII or staff APPR data. The district will be given licensing to the A4L\SDPC web based platform for the documenting and tracking of Third Party vendor data privacy agreements as well as access to the state-wide and national Software Data Privacy Consortiums. Access to the A4L\SDPC platform is an integral part of the RIC One DPSS Core service, which is included with the DPO Support Service

121.5, 121.7—Annual Employee Training (Part of DPSS Core Service)

The RIC will support the DPO in the coordination of annual employee training. Districts will have access to all RIC One resources, including Professional Development modules, digital blasts, email campaigns and DPO Download Podcasts. Access to these training resources is granted as part of the RIC One DPSS Core Service, which is included with the DPO Support Service

121.4—Unauthorized Disclosure Complaints

The RIC will recommend procedures for the filing of complaints and for the district to address those complaints

121.10—Incident Reporting and Notification

The RIC will recommend procedures and incident reporting and notification

District Size	Annual Investment
Bantam (1-200 students)	\$4,387
Level 1 (201-500 students)	\$7,315
Level 2 (501-2500 students)	\$14,356
Level 3 (2501-4000 students)	\$19,836
Level 4 (4001-9000 students)	\$21,746
Level 5 (9001+ students)	\$24,649

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