

Let's Put the Cards on the Table

Is your district AI Ready?

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Learning Goals for Today:

By the end of this session, participants will:

- **Understand** the purpose of the CoSN K–12 Gen AI Maturity Tool.
- **Explore** the key areas that contribute to AI readiness.
- **Reflect** on their district's current AI landscape.
- **Identify** questions and conversations that can guide their next steps.

When you hear...

“AI Readiness”

What comes to mind?

**What are the first things your district would
need to consider?**

Who is CoSN?



CoSN – Consortium for School Networking

A professional association focused on supporting **K–12 educational technology leaders** and helping school systems effectively use technology to support teaching, learning, and district operations.

Erin's Connection to CoSN

Regional Trainer

K–12 Gen AI Maturity Tool

The K-12 Gen AI Maturity Tool

A Framework for AI Readiness

The tool is designed to help districts:

Understand → Assess → Discuss → Plan

It provides a framework for examining how prepared a district is to **intelligently and thoughtfully implement Gen AI** across instructional and operational contexts.

**It isn't a grade.
It's a conversation
starter.**

7 Domains of AI Readiness

01 – Executive Leadership

Strategy • Governance • Leadership

02 – Operational Readiness

Procurement • Staffing • Operations

03 – Data Readiness

Governance • Quality • Privacy

04 – Technical Readiness

Access • Monitoring • Controls

05 – Security Readiness

Safeguards • Cybersecurity

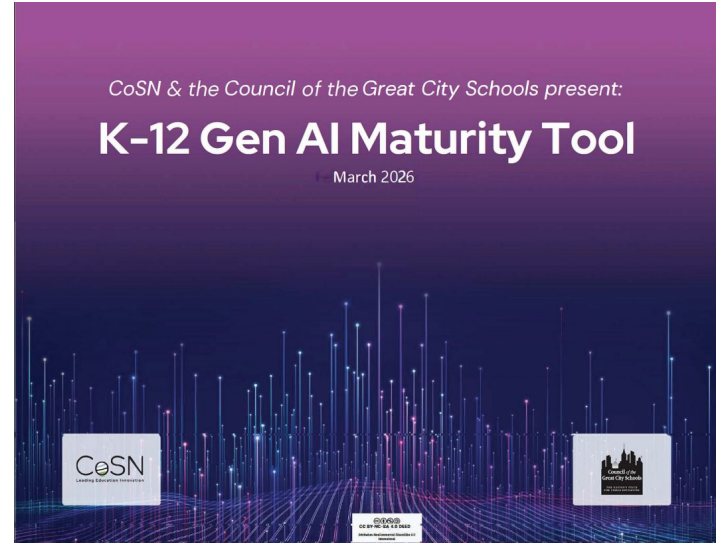
06 – Legal / Risk Readiness

Legal • Risk • Incident Response

07 – Academic AI Literacy

Curriculum • PD • Ethics • Impact • Access

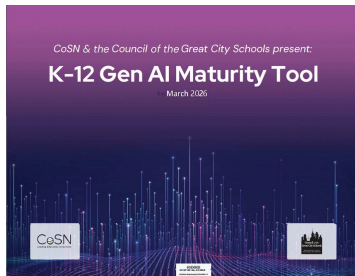
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What Does “Maturity” Mean?

The goal isn't to “get Mature.”

The goal is to understand where you are—and determine what makes sense for your district next.



EMERGING

Building awareness and foundational practices



DEVELOPING

Establishing more consistent structures, practices, and processes



MATURE

Embedding comprehensive, sustainable, and continuously improving practices

What Does This Process Look Like in Real Life?



Dunklin's AI Readiness Journey

Why did you participate?

What was the process like?

What did you discover?

What surprised you?

What questions are you asking now?

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Now It's Your Turn.

What happens when we stop asking...

"Are we using AI?"

...and start asking...

"Are we ready for what AI changes?"

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While You're Talking...

Listen for...

 A question you hadn't considered

 A gap in your current thinking

 A point of disagreement

 An idea worth exploring

 A conversation your district needs to have

Don't worry about having the
"right" answer.

What surfaced?

What question generated the best conversation?

What surprised you?

Where did perspectives differ?

What is still unanswered?

AI Readiness Isn't One Conversation.

It touches:

Leadership

People

Data

Technology

Security

Risk

Teaching & Learning



Use the tool to:

**Understand your current
context**



Identify questions and gaps

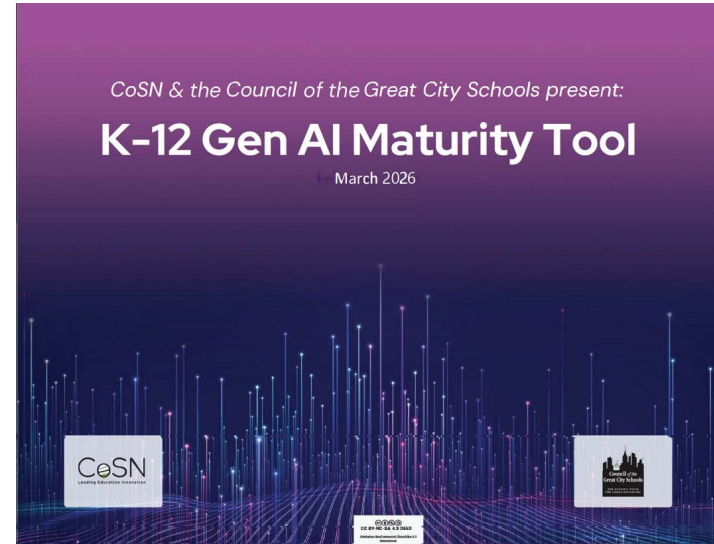


**Bring the right people to the
table**



**Determine meaningful next
steps**

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Interested in having us work
with your team around the
CoSN AI Maturity Tool?



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Capacity for
Generative AI

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Thank you for joining us!

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