Pearson Simplifies District Data Management with Ed-Fi Data Standard

Company leads the way in Ed-Fi certified assessment platforms to improve data management for districts

WASHINGTON, DC – Pearson, the world's learning company, today announced its formal integration of the Ed-Fi Data Standard within its Schoolnet platform to help districts streamline and achieve their data management goals. Existing and new Schoolnet customers can now take advantage of this new offering when they have an Ed-Fi Operational Data Store instance, enabling schools to seamlessly combine assessment data with student information system data.

According to a recent survey from the Digital Promise League of Innovative Schools' Data Interoperability Working Group, 74% of school districts use more than 26 different edtech or software tools, and teachers spend a significant amount of time entering data that sits unconnected and unusable across many of these tools. Further, schools "bear the financial burden of manually performing tasks that applications should do automatically" according to the CoSN 2019 K-12 IT Leadership report, making it difficult for educators to have a complete picture of student progress and performance.

The Ed-Fi Data Standard forms the foundation to connect multiple source systems of data allowing state agencies, districts and educators access to real-time, actionable insights to understand the individual needs of each student in the classroom. The Ed-Fi Data Standard and Technology Suite connects information into an Operational Data Store (ODS) through a series of secure Application Programming Interfaces (APIs).

"Pearson's Ed-Fi Certification allows educators to make data-driven education a reality by pulling in assessment data from the Schoolnet platform, schools can now combine multiple data sets to get a clear picture of each learner's progress," said Bob Sanders, Vice President, School Assessment at Pearson. "Leveraging this technology is key to providing teachers with a full picture view of student progress, ultimately helping to improve learning outcomes. We are thrilled to assist in empowering administrators to make strategic decisions based on comprehensive, secure, and accurate decision-support tools."

"Pearson is at the forefront of the interoperability movement which will continue to shape the education technology sector now and into the future," said Troy Wheeler, President at Ed-Fi Alliance. "We are thrilled to welcome Pearson to the Ed-Fi Community. Connecting assessment platforms, securely into the Ed-Fi ODS will equip educators with even more information on each of their students. Schoolnet's certification puts our educators one step closer to achieving full data interoperability."

About Pearson

We are the world's learning company with more than 24,000 employees in nearly 70 countries and a mission to help people make progress in their lives through learning. We combine world-class educational content and assessment, powered by services and technology, to enable more effective teaching and personalized learning at scale. We believe that wherever learning flourishes so do people.

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