Connecticut’s student data privacy law requires school districts to have contracts with any educational technology providers who have access to students’ personal data.

It sounds simple, but doing it on your own isn’t a sustainable practice.

The Connecticut Educational Software Hub allows districts to search for edtech products developed by companies that have pledged compliance with the state privacy law, but that alone is not enough to meet its full requirements.

LearnPlatform can ease your burden of compliance, by organizing your edtech in a single system and streamlining processes for product vetting, procurement, and evaluation.

“Having 169 districts and thousands of educational technology companies separately interpret and act on our state’s student data privacy law has proven hugely time-intensive, duplicative, and inefficient…”

Doug Casey
Executive Director
CT Commission for Educational Technology

Norwalk Public Schools

Challenge

Norwalk Public Schools struggled to manage all the edtech products in use across their district, especially around the topic of privacy. This made it arduous to meet the state’s compliance requirements. They also were in search of a better way to communicate with teachers on which tools were effective and compliant.

Solution

Norwalk used both LearnPlatform’s Provider Management and Requests Workflow modules to solve these challenges. Now they can streamline engagement with edtech vendors to gather the product information they need to ensure compliance with state privacy requirements and standardize processes for educators to find, request, and receive feedback on new solutions that meet the district’s standards.

“We were struggling to manage all aspects of digital software applications in use across the district. LearnPlatform gave us the ability to manage the workflow of signed vendor privacy agreements with ease.”

Cathy Orgovan
Enterprise Software Systems Manager
Norwalk Public Schools
Cheshire Public Schools

Challenge

Cheshire Public Schools needed more visibility into how products they were paying for were actually being used by teachers and students. They also lacked a clear view of what free tools were being accessed by teachers and students and whether they were compliant with district policies.

Solution

With LearnPlatform’s District Professional License, Cheshire could see which edtech products were actually being used, which they were paying for, and what was compliant. This allowed the district to base purchasing decisions on real data and stop paying for what wasn’t being utilized.

After implementation, teachers could see what products were approved for use via the Product Library, while parents could access product-specific student data privacy agreements on products in use through the Parent Portal.

"I've rolled out many, many systems in my time as an educator, and LearnPlatform was the easiest implementation I've ever seen."

Mike Papa
Manager of Technology Services
Cheshire Public Schools

Windsor Locks Schools

Challenge

Windsor Locks School Districts lacked a central location for housing contracts and privacy agreements with edtech vendors, which meant it was difficult to make contracts visible and transparent for both teachers and parents.

Solution

With LearnPlatform, Windsor Locks administrators could organize their contracts and privacy agreements in a single, accessible location. They could also quickly and clearly communicate the privacy and approval statuses for all products to teachers and to parents through the FERPA-compliant Parent Portal.

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