



# TEC Student Data Privacy Alliance

*Fast-track your district's ability to protect student data*

The [TEC Student Data Privacy Alliance](#) offers a successful collaborative service model to schools and districts by providing administrative and legal support to negotiate privacy terms with their software vendors on their behalf. Our alliance currently serves 224 schools and districts in MA, NH, RI, ME and VT using a five-state agreement based upon the [Student Data Privacy Consortium's \(SDPC\)](#) national DPA.

[Our serviced was launched in 2017](#) in response to the needs of the Technology Directors of our 15 member districts who found that without administrative support and funding for legal services, getting a vendor to sign a single DPA was an expensive and time consuming struggle.

***By working together, we leverage our negotiating strength.*** In cooperation with SDPC, we originally developed statewide agreements which articulated the vendor duties and responsibilities required to protect student data in compliance with all applicable federal and state privacy statutes including FERPA, PPRA, COPPA, 603 C.M.R. 23.00 and MA General Law Chapter 71, Sections 34D to 34H. We have since adopted the consortium's National DPA.

Today, our expert legal counsel and experienced contract administrator have negotiated over 1,000 signed vendor agreements that translate into over 18,000 posted DPAs and "Exhibit Es" (which let districts quickly piggyback onto an existing DPA) in the SDPC national database. When you join the TEC SDP Alliance, schools and districts immediately are provided the right to sign on to use these agreements to jump-start protection for their students.

It's a simple and affordable process. Districts enter requests for the DPAs they need through the SDPC portal and can sign onto our existing DPAs. If we don't have an agreement in place, we do all the work to negotiate a signed DPA on your behalf as fast as possible. Very quickly you can gain the peace of mind that your student data is being handled in a secure and safe way!

**The cost?** As a non-profit, our fees are designed to cover the legal and administrative fees incurred. The annual subscription is \$1.10 per student, which is often less than the cost of negotiating a single DPA! While districts often choose to sign on for the school year, enrolling mid-year is no problem, we will prorate the fee.

As an Alliance member you will receive:

- an expert legal counsel and contract administrator who negotiate with vendors on behalf of the district
- exceptional, personalized support via Zoom to help new members accelerate their ability to protect student data
- access to TEC's growing library of current resources to help navigate the consortium's national database
- ongoing communication and alerts regarding issues with any Alliance vendors
- access to member meetings on specific data privacy topics and workflow issues

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