

Vendor Evaluation Checklist

AI/EdTech Vendor Evaluation Checklist

Vendor Name: _____

Product/Service: _____

Evaluator: _____

Date: _____

Instructions

Score each item: **0** = No/Not Met | **1** = Partial | **2** = Yes/Fully Met

Add up scores in each section. Use the scoring guide at the end for recommendations.

Section A: Privacy & Compliance (10 points possible)

#	Requirement	Score (0-2)	Notes
A1	Vendor provides a signed Data Privacy Agreement (DPA) or will sign your state's Student Data Privacy Agreement		
A2	Vendor is FERPA compliant and acknowledges "school official" status under contract		
A3	Vendor is COPPA compliant (for tools used with students under 13)		

#	Requirement	Score (0-2)	Notes
A4	Data is NOT used for AI model training without explicit opt-out available		
A5	Vendor has clear, accessible privacy policy specific to educational use		

Section A Total: _____ / 10

Section B: Data Security (10 points possible)

#	Requirement	Score (0-2)	Notes
B1	Data encrypted in transit (HTTPS/TLS) and at rest		
B2	Vendor has SOC 2 Type II certification or equivalent		
B3	Vendor conducts regular security audits/penetration testing		
B4	Clear data breach notification procedures (within 72 hours)		
B5	Data stored in US-based servers (or approved locations)		

Section B Total: _____ / 10

Section C: Data Handling (8 points possible)

#	Requirement	Score (0-2)	Notes
C1	Clear data retention policy - data deleted when no longer needed		
C2	School can request data deletion at any time		
C3	Vendor limits data sharing with third parties/subprocessors		
C4	School retains ownership of all student-generated data		

Section C Total: _____ / 8

Section D: Educational Value (8 points possible)

#	Requirement	Score (0-2)	Notes
D1	Tool directly supports specific learning objectives		
D2	Age-appropriate for intended student population		
D3	Accessible to students with disabilities (WCAG 2.1 compliant)		
D4	Teacher training/support resources available		

Section D Total: _____ / 8

Section E: Technical Requirements (6 points possible)

#	Requirement	Score (0-2)	Notes
E1	Compatible with school's existing systems (SSO, LMS integration)		
E2	Works on school-supported devices and browsers		
E3	Reliable uptime and responsive support		

Section E Total: _____ / 6

Section F: Financial & Contractual (6 points possible)

#	Requirement	Score (0-2)	Notes
F1	Transparent pricing with no hidden fees		
F2	Contract allows termination with reasonable notice		
F3	Vendor provides clear terms for contract renewal		

Section F Total: _____ / 6

Scoring Summary

Section	Score	Max
A: Privacy & Compliance		10
B: Data Security		10
C: Data Handling		8
D: Educational Value		8
E: Technical Requirements		6
F: Financial & Contractual		6
TOTAL		48

Scoring Guide

Total Score	Recommendation
40-48	Approve - Meets requirements
32-39	Conditional - Address gaps before approval
24-31	Significant Concerns - Requires remediation
Below 24	Do Not Approve - Too many risks

Red Flags (Automatic Disqualification)

Check any that apply:

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No DPA available or vendor refuses to sign

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Data used for AI training with no opt-out

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No encryption of data at rest

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Cannot provide evidence of security practices

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Vendor has had significant data breach in past 2 years (unresolved)

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No clear data deletion process

If ANY red flag is checked, do not approve the vendor regardless of score.

Additional Notes

Strengths:

Concerns:

Questions to Address Before Approval:

Approval Decision

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APPROVED - Meets all requirements

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APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS - Requires:

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NOT APPROVED - Reason: _____

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MORE INFORMATION NEEDED - Pending:

Decision Made By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Document Retention

Keep this completed checklist on file for: - Duration of vendor relationship - 3 years
after contract termination - Attach to vendor registry entry

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