

Administrative Memo

Date: August 31, 2023
To: School Administrators
From: Stuart Koelling, Chief Data Officer, Office of Data Systems Management
Subject: ODSM-23-001 — Statewide Longitudinal Data System (SLDS) Pilot Program

The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) is initiating a pilot program, in collaboration with Double Line, Inc., to assess the SLDS, which will ultimately replace the current MOSIS Data Collection system. Local education agencies (LEAs) and their student information system (SIS) vendors are invited to apply to participate in the pilot program and assess the new data system.

The new SLDS uses the Ed-Fi Data Standard to enhance and standardize data management practices across the state. These enhancements will enable LEAs, teachers, parents, and students to see near real-time data, which can help create better informed student-centered decisions.

Participating LEAs' SIS vendors will work toward certification in the Ed-Fi program and practice submitting data sets to shared databases in a non-production pilot environment to meet DESE standards. SIS vendors will communicate with their LEAs about any work needed from LEA staff members during the program.

Participating LEAs can gain Ed-Fi Data Standard benefits, including:

- unified data tracking through a “common language” across different data platforms,
- reduced data duplication and edits for more accurate information, and
- improved LEA data ownership and control during transitions between SIS vendors.

Double Line, Inc. will provide additional support and guidance to SIS vendors and LEAs that join the pilot program to make the transition as efficient as possible for participants.

Ed-Fi compatibility will be a requirement of the state reporting solution beginning in the 2025-26 school year. If your LEA is procuring the services of a SIS vendor that is not among the vendors listed below, your LEA will need to ensure the vendor becomes Ed-Fi compatible by that deadline.

Current SIS vendors:

- Common Goal Systems
- Infinite Campus
- Lumen Touch
- PowerSchool
- Skyward

Interested LEAs should contact coredata-mosis@dese.mo.gov or call 573-522-3207 before September 15, 2023, to learn more about the program and the application process. For more information about the Ed-Fi Data Standard, visit the [Ed-Fi Alliance website](#).