



NJUHSD Student Information System - RFP

Response to Submitted Questions

July 27, 2017

1. Is NJUHSD looking for a vendor hosted or district hosted solution?

Vendor-hosted.

2. Do you have an estimation of the start date for school year 2018/19?

Approximate start date for the 2018-19 school year is August 15, 2018.

3. What is the scope of services/functionality you receive from OARS? Would you be interested in replacing OARS with the SIS functionality if it met and exceeded those capabilities?

We have been using OARS for the past two years as our test management system (recently purchased by Illuminate). We have an ongoing commitment to this assessment tool for the next two years. We are not interested in a changing test management systems in the near future but would entertain the option beyond that timeframe.

4. Do the Adult, Charters and Academies also use Schoology? What is the Schoology footprint?

Schoology is used largely at our comprehensive sites (Bear River and Nevada Union High School) and for some district staff committees. The academies housed on the comprehensive campuses use Schoology, but it is not utilized at our alternative sites, charter or adult school.

5. Can you expand on the invoicing requirement?

We would expect to be invoiced annually, under the terms of a three year contract.

6. How many different standards based report cards (different grade levels, languages) does the district use or expect to use?

We do not use standards-based report cards or different report cards for different grade levels. Our report cards are currently produced in English only.

7. How many years of data conversion will be required?

We will need all years for basic student data like enrollments, demographics, transcripts, high school credits earned, grade reporting, student behavior information (referrals/incidents, suspensions, expulsions) and student notes/interventions. We will need the prior year's attendance data for current students.

8. What is the district's desired training approach: Vendor Delivered Training (VDT) or a Train-the-Trainer (TTT)?

We are interested in somewhat of a hybrid approach. We prefer Vendor Delivered Training for all support staff, ongoing, in job-alike groups and for initial teacher training. We are also interested in the Train-the-Trainer approach for teacher gradebook and attendance for the onboarding of new staff. We are hopeful that online tutorials are available for routine functions.

9. The RFP refers to a hosting option in the Project Management and Professional Services section. Is hosting or self-hosting a preference for NJUHSD?

Vendor-hosted.

10. The RFP provides a list of 3rd party vendors in the requirements matrix. How many 3rd party vendors do you anticipate interfacing to the Student Information System?

There are 23 vendors listed in the RFP. OARS and Illuminate are both listed and we are completing a transition year of maintaining both. Moving forward, OARS will fall off. Since the posting of the RFP, NoRedInk and McGraw Hill have been added to the list. So, at this moment in time, we anticipate interfacing with 24 vendors.