DIGITAL CHECKLIST:

Checklist for Choosing a Quality K-12 Data Analytics Vendor

Schools and districts have all kinds of student data, but many don't have an easy way to bring it together to make sense of it all. The right data analytics solution can pull your siloed data together to give you one clear view of each student, classroom, school, or district. That way, you can make better decisions based on all the data.

Choosing the right technology vendor for your data analytics needs can be overwhelming when considering a wide variety of features and benefits. Use this checklist from the *K-12 Data Analytics Solution Buyer's Guide* to assess the top features to look for in your edtech partner.

> **Everyone who supports students should have the right data in the right format at the right time to make decisions so that students excel.**
> *—Data Quality Campaign*

Look for these essential components in a data analytics vendor and its solution:

When evaluating your current or potential data analytics solution vendor, place a checkmark next to each feature it provides.

Expertise in Data Analytics
Is the product developed in collaboration with an education research team and supported by a data science team specializing in K-12 education data?

End-To-End Data Management
Does the vendor provide secure, easy-to-use reporting, analytics, and data visualizations for all your users?

360-Degree View of Student Achievement
Will you gain a holistic view of students, including academic performance, attendance, SEL indicators, behavior, and demographic information?

Tools and Workflows
Does the solution give you the data you need to support your specific initiatives, such as school improvement plans, student plans, interventions, and MTSS practices and program management?

Data Quality Assurance
Do you have data quality monitoring tools that allow you to correct data errors in student information and HR systems' records? Can you ensure records from multiple data sources connect regardless of field setup?

Actionable Analytics
Can you get deeper insights into digital learning access, engagement, and student success? Can you diagnose data trends and understand the impact of your decisions with real-time reporting and analytics?

Predictive Analytics
Does the solution identify students at risk of missing graduation?

Data Security
Does the solution offer user permissions, provide robust and resilient systems backup, disaster recovery, and business continuity capabilities, and ensure cybersecurity threat protection and mitigation?

Integrated System
Does the vendor offer other in-house, integrated products, including SIS, LMS, MTSS, and assessment products?

Implementation, Training, and Support
Does the edtech vendor offer in-house implementation (including a clearly defined process), services, support, and training?

84% of classroom educators and **91% of district instructional leaders** say that using data helps instructional staff identify student needs and take appropriate action
—2022 Education Focus Report, PowerSchool

How Did Your Potential Vendor Score?

5 or less
It's time to research different data analytics solution vendors with more benefits for your specific needs.
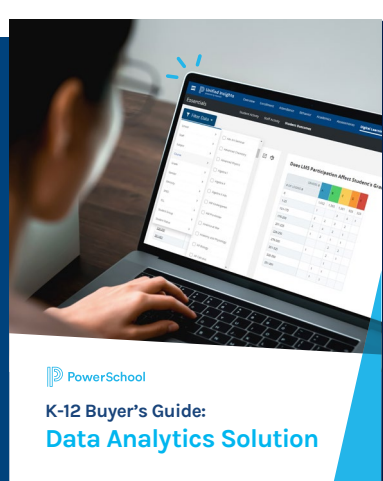
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A quality solution should meet more of your needs to make it worth your investment.

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You're close, but there are solutions that offer more features and benefits that directly affect student outcomes.

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Congratulations! You've chosen a great data analytics solution.

K-12 Buyer's Guide: Data Analytics Solution

Read the full report to help evaluate potential data analytics solutions. This buying guide covers key features to look for, why a solution built for K-12 matters, and how the right product can benefit your students.

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