



## **EmbraceEVAL® Contract**

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The following is an EmbraceEVAL® Contract (hereinafter "contract" or "agreement") for software, website hosting, and support services. This contract is made between Brecht's Database Solutions, Inc. d/b/a Embrace® (hereinafter "Embrace®", "We", "Us" or "Licensor") and Mid-State Special Education Cooperative (hereinafter "You", "Your" or "Licensee").

**EMBRACE®  
EmbraceEVAL®  
WEBSITE LICENSE AGREEMENT**

**NOTICE TO USER: PLEASE READ THIS AGREEMENT CAREFULLY. BY USING ALL OR ANY PORTION OF THE WEBSITE YOU ACCEPT ALL THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT.**

YOU AGREE THAT THIS AGREEMENT IS LIKE ANY WRITTEN NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT SIGNED BY YOU. THIS AGREEMENT IS ENFORCEABLE AGAINST YOU AND ANY LEGAL ENTITY THAT OBTAINS ACCESS THROUGH LICENSEE TO THE WEBSITE AND ON WHOSE BEHALF IT IS USED. IF YOU DO NOT AGREE TO THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT, DO NOT EXECUTE THIS CONTRACT OR USE ANY OF OUR PRODUCTS OR WEBSITE.

Embrace® owns all intellectual property in/on the Embrace® website (hereafter “website”) and its related Embrace® software (hereafter “software”). Embrace® agrees to allow you and/or your authorized agents to login and access the website and use our software only in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. Any unauthorized access or use of Embrace’s products is cause for immediate termination of your access to its products by all means available to us.

**1. LICENSE TO ACCESS WEBSITE.** As long as you obtained access to the website from Embrace® and as long as you comply with the terms of this and any other Agreement you have with Embrace®, Embrace® grants you a non-exclusive license to use the website in the manner and for the term and purposes described below.

**2. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OWNERSHIP.** The website and its related software are the intellectual property of and are owned by Embrace®. The structure, organization, and code of the website and its related software contain valuable trade secrets and confidential information of Embrace®. Except as expressly stated herein, this Agreement does not grant you any intellectual property rights whatsoever in the website and its related software and all rights are reserved by Embrace®.

Any form, database, or software that is altered, conceived, made, or developed in whole or in part by Embrace® (including any developed jointly with you) during or as a result of our relationship with you shall become and remain the sole and exclusive property of Embrace®. You agree to make no claim in the rights or ownership of any such form, database or software.

To the extent that any custom form is created by Embrace® for you, based upon any prior form, template or exemplar provided by you, you warrant and represent to Embrace® that you created said form(s) or have the legal right to use said form(s). You agree to indemnify Embrace® for any third-party claims for infringement, misappropriation or other violation of any third-party’s intellectual property rights where such claims are made against Embrace® for forms, templates or exemplars created based upon material provided by you to Embrace®.

**3. DATA SECURITY.** Embrace’s database or software may host privacy protected data provided by you concerning students and employees. This information is privacy protected by federal and state law, including the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (20 U.S.C. § 1232g)(“FERPA”), the Illinois School Student Record Act (105 ILCS 10/), the Personnel Record Review Act (820 ILCS 40/) and the Student Online Personal Protection Act (105 ILCS 85/1 et seq.)(“SOPPA”).

Embrace will store and process Data in accordance with industry best practices. This includes appropriate administrative, physical, and technical safeguards to secure Data from unauthorized access, disclosure, destruction or modification and use. Provider will conduct periodic risk assessments and remediate any identified security vulnerabilities in a timely manner. Provider will also have a written incident response plan, which will include prompt notification of the School District in the event of a security or privacy incident, as well as best practices for responding to a breach of Personally Identifiable Information (“PII”). PII shall include, but is not limited to, student data, metadata, and user or pupil-generated content obtained by reason of the use of Provider’s software, website, service, or app, including mobile apps, whether gathered by Provider or provided by District or its users, students, or students’ parents/guardians.

Embrace® acknowledges that all of your data uploaded, stored, or otherwise coming into contact with Embrace’s database or software, is and shall remain your sole and exclusive property and be subject to all applicable federal and state privacy protections through the term of this Agreement.

**4. RESTRICTIONS.** You may not copy, modify, adapt or translate any Embrace® software. You may not reverse engineer, decompile, disassemble, or otherwise attempt to discover the source code of any Embrace® software.

You may not rent, lease, sell, sublicense, assign or transfer your rights in the website, or authorize any portion of the website and its related software to be copied onto another individual or legal entity's computer except as may be permitted herein.

You may not allow access or use of our website or software for any other purpose than agreed to in advance between Embrace® and you.

**5. LIMITED WARRANTY.** Embrace® warrants to the licensee that the website will permit the licensee to produce, fill-out, and print the evaluation forms for the period of time outlined in the current contract. All warranty claims must be made within the current contract period. If the website or software does not perform as above, the entire liability of Embrace® and your sole and exclusive remedy will be limited to a prorated refund of the license fee you have paid Embrace®. This limited warranty is the only warranty provided by Embrace®. Embrace® expressly disclaims all other warranties, either expressed or implied, including but not limited to implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose with regard to the website, software and accompanying written materials.

**6. DISCLAIMER.** Your use of the website is at your sole risk. The website, including the information, services and content is provided on an "AS IS", "AS AVAILABLE", and "WITH ALL FAULTS" basis. Embrace® makes no representations, warranties, conditions, or guarantees as to the usefulness, quality, suitability, truth, accuracy, or completeness of the website and/or the forms produced therefrom.

Embrace® does not warrant to the licensee that the forms that may be produced from the website will comply with federal or state laws or regulations, including those which limit the extent to which the information may be disclosed to third parties.

Embrace® will take all commercially reasonable steps to provide an uninterrupted, timely, secure, and error-free website. Nonetheless, Embrace® makes no warranty or representation that (a) the website will be uninterrupted, timely, secure, or error-free; or (b) the results that may be obtained from the use of the website will be accurate or reliable.

You assume all risk for any damage to your computer, computer systems, network or loss of data that results from using the website or software, including any damages resulting from computer viruses.

**7. DISTRICT E-SIGNATURE USAGE.** Embrace® has the ability to include electronic signatures. If your District is using electronic signatures in the Embrace® system it agrees to hold Embrace® harmless against any and all claims that may arise out of the use of this feature. If you choose not to use electronic signatures for either your staff or all meeting attendees, you must notify your implementation specialist and verify that they are not available in your system.

All Parties shall ensure that the person entering an e-signature onto any Embrace® document is an authorized signatory. The e-signature of any Party or Person is to be considered as an original signature, and the document transmitted is to be considered to have the same binding effect as an original signature on an original document. All e-signatures shall be subject to the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act and/or any similar State statutes which have jurisdiction over the transactions of the Parties; this applies to any Parties or end-user's use of Embrace® software's

electronic signature functionality. District, and any person using electronic signature functionality, agrees to hold Embrace® harmless for any and all claims which may arise out of their use of that feature. Documents which contain e-signatures may be preserved by Embrace® longer than the duration of the Agreement for the purposes of enforcement of rights and obligations.

Any form or document (including this Agreement) signed electronically between the Parties is to be treated as an original document. All Parties hereto shall ensure that the person entering an e-signature onto any Embrace® document is an authorized signatory. The e-signature of any Party or Person is to be considered as an original signature, and the document transmitted is to be considered to have the same binding effect as an original signature on an original document.

**8. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY.** In no event will Embrace® be liable to you for any loss, damages, claims, or costs whatsoever including any consequential, indirect or incidental damages, any lost profits or lost savings, any damages resulting from business interruption, personal injury or failure to meet any duty of care, or claims by a third party.

**9. SERVICES PROVIDED:** Embrace® agrees to provide the following services:

- Website access to the licensee for all evaluation forms
- Restrictive access to the website to allow for multiple levels of users, providing each level with only the access that they need
- Servers, security, and hosting to insure that our programs are secure, fast, and always available
- Multiple support channels available to all users
- A user management system will be included allowing a system administrator to create new users, edit existing users, and delete users
- Secure socket layer ("SSL") and session tracking for user authorization (the SSL is the component of the software which encrypts the information going between the website and the user, and confirms the identity of the host and the user)
- Website hosting
- Maintenance and updates
- Daily backups
- Website updates as necessary to maintain required forms
- 99.99% uptime guarantee

**10. EVAL YEARLY COSTS.** Website access is per evaluatee per year. The initial contract is for a one year period from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. (Prices apply to individual districts, cooperatives, joint agreements, and associations.) Custom forms and/or programs, if requested, are an additional cost and will be billed on an individual basis.

Program Subscription	Price	QTY	Subtotal
EmbraceEVAL® Annual Subscription - Certified Staff Annual Subscription Fee - 0-75 Certified Evaluatees	\$1,500.00	1	\$1,500.00
			<b>\$1,500.00</b>

Subtotal      **\$1,500.00**

**Total Cost for 22-23 School Year \$1,500.00**

All quoted prices apply to individual districts, cooperatives, joint agreements, and associations. Custom forms, software and/or programs are available from Embrace® and, if requested, will be subject to a separate Agreement between you and us. Customized work is an additional cost and will be billed separately.

**11. GENERAL PROVISIONS.** If any part of this Agreement is found void and unenforceable, it will not affect the validity of the balance of this Agreement, which will remain valid and enforceable according to its terms.

**12. INDEMNITY.** You agree to hold us harmless from any and all liabilities, losses, actions, damages, or claims (including all reasonable expenses, costs, and attorney fees) arising out of or relating to any use of, or reliance on the website and its related software.

12.1 You agree that Embrace's services and software shall not be used in any manner whatsoever which infringes on a United States patent, copyright or trade secret.

12.2 Embrace® will defend, at its expense, a third-party action, suit or proceeding against You ("Claim") to the extent such Claim is based upon an allegation that the Website, as initially provided by Embrace®, infringes a United States patent or copyright or misappropriates a third party's trade secret. Embrace® will indemnify You for any judgments, settlements and reasonable attorney's fees resulting from a Claim as provided in this Section. Specifically excluded from this paragraph are any forms or rubrics which are specifically requested to be included by You into the Website at any point in time.

12.3 You agree to defend, at your expense, a third-party action, suit or proceeding against Embrace® ("Claim") to the extent such Claim is based upon an allegation that any changes, additions or deletions to the Website made by You or your Employees, infringes a United States patent or copyright or misappropriates a third party's trade secret. This specifically includes any forms or rubrics which You requested for inclusion into the Website at any point in time. You will indemnify Embrace® for any judgments, settlements and reasonable attorney's fees resulting from a Claim as provided in this Section.

12.4 In the event that Embrace® receives notification that You or your Employees have utilized Embrace's services or software to infringe on a United States patent, copyright or trade secret which includes the assertion of a good faith belief that the use of the material complained of is not authorized by the copyright owner, its agent or the law, Embrace® will promptly advise you of the same. After providing notification to You Embrace® shall have the unilateral right to suspend services pending resolution of the dispute. You agree to waive any and all rights to make, claim or assert any damages whatsoever from Embrace's suspension of services triggered by such a notification.

**13. DURATION.** This contract for website access to EmbraceEVAL® is for a 1 year period.

**14. AUTOMATIC CONTRACT RENEWAL.** Unless cancelled by a Party hereto this Agreement and any accessory components selected by the district will automatically renew, on its last effective date, for successive one-year terms. The terms of this Master Contract, along with any pricing adjustments provided by Embrace to District at least one hundred and twenty (120) days prior to the annual renewal date shall apply.

15. **NON-RENEWAL OF CONTRACT.** In the event that you do not enter into a Renewal Contract, Embrace® will maintain your database information in read-only format for one (1) year from the date of termination of this Contract or subsequent failure to renew. Embrace® is not responsible for the loss of any information after termination or failure to renew the Agreement on your behalf.

16. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement and understanding between the parties in relation to the subject matter hereof and there are no premises, representations, conditions, provisions, or terms related thereto other than those set forth in this Agreement.

17. **GOVERNING LAW.** This Agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois.

18. **ARBITRATION.** Any and all disputes between us and you shall be resolved through mandatory Arbitration under the American Arbitration Association Rules. All arbitrations shall be held in Highland, IL.

19. **VENUE.** We and you (through your signature on this Agreement) agree that the only venue(s) holding jurisdiction for any suit between the parties to compel or enforce arbitration of this Agreement or any Renewal thereof is the third Judicial Circuit, Madison County, Illinois or the United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois.

20. **CAPTIONS.** The captions for the paragraphs of this Agreement shall not be deemed to have legal significance, and are simply designed as an aid in reading and to represent the general terms of the paragraph involved.

21. **BENEFIT.** This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties, their successors, assigns, beneficiaries, heirs, executors, administrators, and legal representatives.

**Licensor:**

**Brecht's Database Solutions, Inc. d/b/a EMBRACE®**

FEIN: 20-4100129

August R. Brecht, President

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