

Class Creator



Educational
Technology Service
Genesee Valley
Wayne-Finger Lakes


CONTRACT ADDENDUM

Protection of Student Personally Identifiable Information

1. Applicability of This Addendum

The Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES/EduTech) and Class Cra (“Vendor”) are parties to a contract dated 03/27/2024 (“the underlying contract”) governing the terms under which BOCES accesses, and Vendor provides, Class Creator (“Product”). Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES/EduTech use of the Product results in Vendor receiving student personally identifiable information as defined in New York Education Law Section 2-d and this Addendum. The terms of this Addendum shall amend and modify the underlying contract and shall have precedence over terms set forth in the underlying contract and any online Terms of Use or Service published by Vendor.

2. Definitions

- 2.1. “Protected Information”, as applied to student data, means “personally identifiable information” as defined in 34 CFR Section 99.3 implementing the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) where that information is received by Vendor from BOCES or is created by the Vendor’s product or service in the course of being used by BOCES.
- 2.2. “Vendor” means Class Creator .
- 2.3. “Educational Agency” means a school BOCES, board of cooperative educational services, school, or the New York State Education Department; and for purposes of this Contract specifically includes Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES/EduTech.
- 2.4. “BOCES” means the Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES/EduTech.
- 2.5. “Parent” means a parent, legal guardian, or person in parental relation to a Student.
- 2.6. “Student” means any person attending or seeking to enroll in an educational agency.
- 2.7. “Eligible Student” means a student eighteen years or older.
- 2.8. “Assignee” and “Subcontractor” shall each mean any person or entity that receives, stores, or processes Protected Information covered by this Contract from Vendor for the purpose of enabling or assisting Vendor to deliver the product or services covered by this Contract.
- 2.9. “This Contract” means the underlying contract as modified by this Addendum.

3. Vendor Status

Vendor acknowledges that for purposes of New York State Education Law Section 2-d it is a third-party contractor, and that for purposes of any Protected Information that constitutes education records under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) it is a school official with a legitimate educational interest in the educational records.

4. Confidentiality of Protected Information

Vendor agrees that the confidentiality of Protected Information that it receives, processes, or stores will be handled in accordance with all state and federal laws that protect the confidentiality of Protected Information, and in accordance with the BOCES Policy on Data Security and Privacy, a copy of which is Attachment B to this Addendum.



5. Vendor Employee Training

Vendor agrees that any of its officers or employees, and any officers or employees of any Assignee of Vendor, who have access to Protected Information will receive training on the federal and state law governing confidentiality of such information prior to receiving access to that information.

6. No Use of Protected Information for Commercial or Marketing Purposes

Vendor warrants that Protected Information received by Vendor from BOCES or by any Assignee of Vendor, shall not be sold or used for any commercial or marketing purposes; shall not be used by Vendor or its Assignees for purposes of receiving remuneration, directly or indirectly; shall not be used by Vendor or its Assignees for advertising purposes; shall not be used by Vendor or its Assignees to develop or improve a product or service; and shall not be used by Vendor or its Assignees to market products or services to students.

7. Ownership and Location of Protected Information

- 7.1. Ownership of all Protected Information that is disclosed to or held by Vendor shall remain with BOCES. Vendor shall acquire no ownership interest in education records or Protected Information.
- 7.2. BOCES shall have access to the BOCES's Protected Information at all times through the term of this Contract. BOCES shall have the right to import or export Protected Information in piecemeal or in its entirety at their discretion, without interference from Vendor.
- 7.3. Vendor is prohibited from data mining, cross tabulating, and monitoring data usage and access by BOCES or its authorized users, or performing any other data analytics other than those required to provide the Product to BOCES. Vendor is allowed to perform industry standard back-ups of Protected Information. Documentation of back-up must be provided to BOCES upon request.
- 7.4. All Protected Information shall remain in the continental United States (CONUS) or Canada. Any Protected Information stored, or acted upon, must be located solely in data centers in CONUS or Canada. Services which directly or indirectly access Protected Information may only be performed from locations within CONUS or Canada. All helpdesk, online, and support services which access any Protected Information must be performed from within CONUS or Canada.

8. Purpose for Sharing Protected Information

The exclusive purpose for which Vendor is being provided access to Protected Information is to provide the product or services that are the subject of this Contract to Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES/EduTech.

9. Downstream Protections

Vendor agrees that, in the event that Vendor subcontracts with or otherwise engages another entity in order to fulfill its obligations under this Contract, including the purchase, lease, or sharing of server space owned by another entity, that entity shall be deemed to be an "Assignee" of Vendor for purposes of Education Law Section 2-d, and Vendor will only share Protected Information with such entities if those entities are contractually bound to observe the same obligations to maintain the privacy and security of Protected Information as are required of Vendor under this Contract and all applicable New York State and federal laws.



10. Protected Information and Contract Termination

- 10.1. The expiration date of this Contract is defined by the underlying contract.
- 10.2. Upon expiration of this Contract without a successor agreement in place, Vendor shall assist BOCES in exporting all Protected Information previously received from, or then owned by, BOCES.
- 10.3. Vendor shall thereafter securely delete and overwrite any and all Protected Information remaining in the possession of Vendor or its assignees or subcontractors (including all hard copies, archived copies, electronic versions or electronic imaging of hard copies of shared data) as well as any and all Protected Information maintained on behalf of Vendor in secure data center facilities.
- 10.4. Vendor shall ensure that no copy, summary or extract of the Protected Information or any related work papers are retained on any storage medium whatsoever by Vendor, its subcontractors or assignees, or the aforementioned secure data center facilities.
- 10.5. To the extent that Vendor and/or its subcontractors or assignees may continue to be in possession of any de-identified data (data that has had all direct and indirect identifiers removed) derived from Protected Information, they agree not to attempt to re-identify de-identified data and not to transfer de-identified data to any party.
- 10.6. Upon request, Vendor and/or its subcontractors or assignees will provide a certification to BOCES from an appropriate officer that the requirements of this paragraph have been satisfied in full.

11. Data Subject Request to Amend Protected Information

- 11.1. In the event that a parent, student, or eligible student wishes to challenge the accuracy of Protected Information that qualifies as student data for purposes of Education Law Section 2-d, that challenge shall be processed through the procedures provided by the BOCES for amendment of education records under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).
- 11.2. Vendor will cooperate with BOCES in retrieving and revising Protected Information, but shall not be responsible for responding directly to the data subject.

12. Vendor Data Security and Privacy Plan

- 12.1. Vendor agrees that for the life of this Contract the Vendor will maintain the administrative, technical, and physical safeguards described in the Data Security and Privacy Plan set forth in Attachment C to this Contract and made a part of this Contract.
- 12.2. Vendor warrants that the conditions, measures, and practices described in the Vendor's Data Security and Privacy Plan:
- 12.3. align with the NIST Cybersecurity Framework 1.0;
- 12.4. equal industry best practices including, but not necessarily limited to, disk encryption, file encryption, firewalls, and password protection;
- 12.5. outline how the Vendor will implement all state, federal, and local data security and privacy contract requirements over the life of the contract, consistent with the BOCES data security and privacy policy (Attachment B);
- 12.6. specify the administrative, operational and technical safeguards and practices it has in place to protect Protected Information that it will receive under this Contract;
- 12.7. demonstrate that it complies with the requirements of Section 121.3(c) of this Part;
- 12.8. specify how officers or employees of the Vendor and its assignees who have access to Protected Information receive or will receive training on the federal and state laws governing confidentiality of such data prior to receiving access;



- 12.9. specify if the Vendor will utilize sub-contractors and how it will manage those relationships and contracts to ensure Protected Information is protected;
- 12.10. specify how the Vendor will manage data security and privacy incidents that implicate Protected Information including specifying any plans to identify breaches and unauthorized disclosures, and to promptly notify BOCES; and
- 12.11. describe whether, how and when data will be returned to BOCES, transitioned to a successor contractor, at BOCES's option and direction, deleted or destroyed by the Vendor when the contract is terminated or expires.

13. Additional Vendor Responsibilities

Vendor acknowledges that under Education Law Section 2-d and related regulations it has the following obligations with respect to any Protected Information, and any failure to fulfill one of these statutory obligations shall be a breach of this Contract:

- 13.1 Vendor shall limit internal access to Protected Information to those individuals and Assignees or subcontractors that need access to provide the contracted services;
- 13.2 Vendor will not use Protected Information for any purpose other than those explicitly authorized in this Contract;
- 13.3 Vendor will not disclose any Protected Information to any party who is not an authorized representative of the Vendor using the information to carry out Vendor's obligations under this Contract or to the BOCES unless (1) Vendor has the prior written consent of the parent or eligible student to disclose the information to that party, or (ii) the disclosure is required by statute or court order, and notice of the disclosure is provided to BOCES no later than the time of disclosure, unless such notice is expressly prohibited by the statute or court order;
- 13.4 Vendor will maintain reasonable administrative, technical, and physical safeguards to protect the security, confidentiality, and integrity of Protected Information in its custody;
- 13.5 Vendor will use encryption technology to protect data while in motion or in its custody from unauthorized disclosure using a technology or methodology specified by the secretary of the U.S. Department of HHS in guidance issued under P.L. 111-5, Section 13402(H)(2);
- 13.6 Vendor will notify the BOCES of any breach of security resulting in an unauthorized release of student data by the Vendor or its Assignees in violation of state or federal law, or of contractual obligations relating to data privacy and security in the most expedient way possible and without unreasonable delay but no more than seven calendar days after the discovery of the breach; and

Where a breach or unauthorized disclosure of Protected Information is attributed to the Vendor, the Vendor shall pay for or promptly reimburse BOCES for the full cost incurred by BOCES to send notifications required by Education Law Section 2-d.



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Signatures

For Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES/EduTech

Kelli Eckdahl

Date

4/9/24

For (Vendor Name)

Amy Dooney - Class Creator LLC

Date

27 March 2024



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Attachment A – Parent Bill of Rights for Data Security and Privacy

Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES (EduTech)

Parents' Bill of Rights for Data Privacy and Security

The Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES (EduTech) seeks to use current technology, including electronic storage, retrieval, and analysis of information about students' education experience in the BOCES, to enhance the opportunities for learning and to increase the efficiency of our BOCES and school operations.

The Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES (EduTech) seeks to insure that parents have information about how the BOCES stores, retrieves, and uses information about students, and to meet all legal requirements for maintaining the privacy and security of protected student data and protected principal and teacher data, including Section 2-d of the New York State Education Law.

To further these goals, the Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES (EduTech) has posted this Parents' Bill of Rights for Data Privacy and Security.

1. A student's personally identifiable information cannot be sold or released for any commercial purposes.
2. Parents have the right to inspect and review the complete contents of their child's education record. The procedures for exercising this right can be found in Board Policy 5500 entitled Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).
3. State and federal laws protect the confidentiality of personally identifiable information, and safeguards associated with industry standards and best practices, including but not limited to, encryption, firewalls, and password protection, must be in place when data is stored or transferred.
4. A complete list of all student data elements collected by the State is available at <http://www.nysed.gov/data-privacy-security/student-data-inventory> and a copy may be obtained by writing to the Office of Information & Reporting Services, New York State Education Department, Room 863 EBA, 89 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York 12234.
5. Parents have the right to have complaints about possible breaches of student data addressed. Complaints should be directed in writing to the Chief Privacy Officer, New York State Education Department, Room 863 EBA, 89 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York 12234.

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Signatures

For Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES/EduTech

Date

4/9/24

For (Vendor Name)

Amy Dooney -Class Creator LLC

Date

27 Mar 2024



Attachment B – Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES/EduTech Data Privacy and Security Policy

In accordance with New York State Education Law §2-d, the BOCES hereby implements the requirements of Commissioner's regulations (8 NYCRR §121) and aligns its data security and privacy protocols with the National Institute for Standards and Technology Framework for Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity Version 1.1 (NIST Cybersecurity Framework or "NIST CSF").

In this regard, every use and disclosure of personally identifiable information (PII) by the BOCES will benefit students and the BOCES (for example, improving academic achievement, empowering parents and students with information, and/or advancing efficient and effective school operations). PII will not be included in public reports or other documents.

The BOCES also complies with the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA). Consistent with FERPA's requirements, unless otherwise permitted by law or regulation, the BOCES will not release PII contained in student education records unless it has received a written consent (signed and dated) from a parent or eligible student. For more details, see Policy 6320 and any applicable administrative regulations.

In addition to the requirements of FERPA, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) provides additional privacy protections for students who are receiving special education and related services. For example, pursuant to these rules, the BOCES will inform parents of children with disabilities when information is no longer needed and, except for certain permanent record information, that such information will be destroyed at the request of the parents. The BOCES will comply with all such privacy provisions to protect the confidentiality of PII at collection, storage, disclosure, and destruction stages as set forth in federal regulations 34 CFR 300.610 through 300.627.

The Board of Education values the protection of private information of individuals in accordance with applicable law and regulations. Further, the BOCES Director of Educational Technology is required to notify parents, eligible students, teachers and principals when there has been or is reasonably believed to have been a compromise of the individual's private information in compliance with the Information Security Breach and Notification Act and Board policy and New York State Education Law §2-d

a) "Private information" shall mean **personal information in combination with any one or more of the following data elements, when either the personal information or the data element is not encrypted or encrypted with an encryption key that has also been acquired:

1. Social security number.
2. Driver's license number or non-driver identification card number; or
3. Account number, credit or debit card number, in combination with any required security code, access code, or password, which would permit access to an individual's financial account.
4. Any additional data as it relates to administrator or teacher evaluation (APPR)

"Private information" does not include publicly available information that is lawfully made available to the general public from federal, state or local government records.

***"Personal information" shall mean any information concerning a person, which, because of name, number, symbol, mark or other identifier, can be used to identify that person.



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- b) Personally Identifiable Information, as applied to student data, means 40 personally identifiable information as defined in section 99.3 of Title 34 of the Code of 41 Federal Regulations implementing the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 42 U.S.C 1232-g, and as applied to teacher and principal data, means personally 43 identifying information as such term is defined in Education Law §3012-c(10).
- c) Breach means the unauthorized access, use, or disclosure of student data 9 and/or teacher or principal data. Good faith acquisition of personal information by an employee or agent of the BOCES for the purposes of the BOCES is not a breach of the security of the system, provided that private information is not used or subject to unauthorized disclosure.

Notification Requirements Methods of Notification

The required notice shall be directly provided to the affected persons and/or their guardians by one of the following methods:

- a) Written notice;
- b) Secure electronic notice, provided that the person to whom notice is required has expressly consented to receiving the notice in electronic form; and a log of each such notification is kept by the BOCES when notifying affected persons in electronic form. However, in no case shall the BOCES require a person to consent to accepting such notice in electronic form as a condition of establishing any business relationship or engaging in any transaction;

Regardless of the method by which notice is provided, the notice shall include contact information for the notifying BOCES and a description of the categories of information that were, or are reasonably believed to have been, acquired by a person without valid authorization, including specification of which of the elements of personal information and private information were, or are reasonably believed to have been, so acquired. This notice shall take place 60 days of the initial discovery.

In the event that any residents are to be notified, the BOCES shall notify the New York State Chief Privacy Officer, the New York State Cyber Incident Response Team, the office of Homeland Security, and New York State Chief Security Officer as to the timing, content and distribution of the notices and approximate number of affected persons. Such notice shall be made without delaying notice to affected residents.

The Superintendent or his/her designee will establish and communicate procedures for parents, eligible students, and employees to file complaints about breaches or unauthorized releases of student, teacher or principal data (as set forth in 8 NYCRR §121.4). The Superintendent is also authorized to promulgate any and all other regulations necessary and proper to implement this policy.

Data Protection Officer

The BOCES has designated a BOCES employee to serve as the BOCES's Data Protection Officer.



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The Data Protection Officer is responsible for the implementation and oversight of this policy and any related procedures including those required by Education Law Section 2-d and its implementing regulations, as well as serving as the main point of contact for data privacy and security for the BOCES.

The BOCES will maintain a record of all complaints of breaches or unauthorized releases of student data and their disposition in accordance with applicable data retention policies, including the Records Retention and Disposition Schedule ED-1 (1988; rev. 2004).

Annual Data Privacy and Security Training

The BOCES will annually provide data privacy and security awareness training to its officers and staff with access to PII. This training will include, but not be limited to, training on the applicable laws and regulations that protect PII and how staff can comply with these laws and regulations.

References:

Education Law §2-d

8 NYCRR §121

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 USC §1232(g), 34 CFR 99

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), 20 USC §1400 et seq., 34 CFR 300.610–300.627

- Student/Teacher Name
- Student/Teacher Gender
- Student/Teacher Current Class
- Student/Teacher Current Year Level
- Teacher Email Address
- Student Identification Number



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Users of Class Creator are comprised of educators, schools, and/or school district offices. Users will have the opportunity to input specific information in regards to their students, to assist in creating classes. All information entered is at the discretion of the user. Information provided may include, but not be limited to, the user's assessment of a student's behaviour, academic level, special needs, school history and social needs. The user may also provide any additional information they feel would assist in producing better classes and/or outcomes.

Users will have the opportunity to allow students to input data to assist in the creation of classes. There are inherent risks associated with the transmission of personal information via the internet as it is not a secure medium. Do not provide any secure personal information online such as a password or credit card number or information that you wish to keep confidential.

Attachment C – Vendor's Data Security and Privacy Plan

Password and Login

Class Creator is a private computing system accessible to the system only via users inputting a unique username and password. Unauthorised or improper access to the system may result in immediate suspension or revoking of access. We may take civil and/or criminal action against anyone in breach of our Terms and Conditions policy. Do not login if you do not agree to the terms and conditions. Do not share your username and/or password with anyone. If you do share your username and/or password you will be held liable for any activity on your account and you will be in breach of our agreement.

All logins to our website and application, record information including IP addresses, browser types and in some cases geographical information.

(Vendor can attach)

Information Secure Storage

We take reasonable steps to protect personal and health information from misuse, loss, unauthorised access, modification and disclosure. Class Creator stores data on Microsoft Azure. All data is stored in Australia. Azure is one of only four Cloud Services certified by the Australian Signals Directorate (ASD) to provide cloud based services to the Australian Government.

Microsoft has decades-long experience building enterprise software and running some of the largest online services in the world. It has leveraged this experience to implement and continuously improve security-aware software development, operational management, and threat mitigation practices that are essential to the strong protection of data in the cloud.

Security is built into Azure from the ground up, starting with the Secure Development Lifecycle, a mandatory development process that embeds security requirements into every phase of the development process. Azure infrastructure is resilient to attack by mandating that operational activities follow the rigorous security guidelines laid out in the Operational Security Assurance (OSA) process. For more information on the storage of data using Azure please visit their website here or contact us directly at Class Creator.

We use the best one-way encryption to store your password (technically known as PBKDF2), and use industry leading cryptography to ensure data remains secure and confidential from our servers to you (using AES_128_GCM and uses ECDHE_ECDSA as the key exchange mechanism).

In the rare and unlikely event that there is unauthorised data accessed, Pigeonhole Software will work on containment and, if necessary, inform effected parties within 24 hours.

Use of Information

Class Creator will use the information provided by its users to present a "Class Creator Solution". Institutions will then have the opportunity to use the classes produced in accordance with this Privacy Policy.

- Information provided about a specific student, will become specific attributes of that student. For example, Tim Bowman, Behaviour = Satisfactory Academic = At Level, Special Needs= Nil, Separation= Brad Walker, Pairing= Jack Wilson.
- Our algorithm will use those student attributes to sort students into specific classes, depending upon the setting of the sorting algorithm, as determined by the user.
- Educators will have the ability to manually manipulate the classes, and have access to the attributes of each individual student. This will be dependent upon the level of access as determined by the school's administrator. For example, the following access may be granted:
 - Teacher = Access to only their class' data
 - Team Leader = Access to their class' data + their year levels automatic and manual sorting of new classes.
 - Administrator = Access to all student and teacher data and all automatic and manual sorting of new classes.
- All information will be stored securely for future reference and use by the school, unless notified otherwise. At anytime schools or individuals can request that their personal information be removed
- We will only use the information provided to us for the development and monitoring of academic classes.

Disclosure

Certain information that may be provided to Class Creator by teachers, school leaders, teacher aides, or other personnel at an Institution ("School Official") that is directly related to a student and maintained by an Institution, may be considered an education record ("Education Record") under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA"). Additionally, certain information, provided to Class Creator by School Officials about a student, such as student name and grade level, may be considered directory information under FERPA ("Directory Information") and thus not an Education Record. A school may not generally disclose personally identifiable information from an eligible student's education records to a third party without written consent of the parent and/or eligible student or without meeting one of the exemptions set forth in FERPA ("FERPA Exemption(s)"), including the exemption for Directory Information ("Directory Information Exemption") or disclosure to school officials with a legitimate educational interest ("School Official Exemption").

As a School Official or Institution providing Directory Information or any Education Record to Class Creator, you represent, warrant and covenant to Class Creator, as applicable, that your Institution has:

- complied with the Directory Information Exemption, including, without limitation, informing parents and eligible students what information the Institution deems to be directory information and allowing parents and eligible students a reasonable amount of time to request that schools not disclose directory information about them; and/or
- complied with the School Official Exemption, including without limitation, informing parents in their annual notification of FERPA rights that the Institution defines "school official" to include service providers and defines "legitimate educational interest" to include services such as the type provided by Class Creator; or
- obtained all necessary parental or eligible student written consent to share the Directory Information and Educational Records with Class Creator, in each case, solely to enable Class Creator's operation of its service.

Class Creator will never share Education Records with third parties as stated in our Privacy Policy. Education Records are never used or disclosed for third party advertising or any kind of first- or third-party behaviourally-targeted advertising to students or parents. Additionally, it is never used or disclosed for third party advertising, or any kind of first- or third-party behaviourally-targeted advertising, and personal information collected from a student is never sold or rented to anyone.

Class Creator may use Education records that have been de-identified for product development, research or other purposes ("De-Identified Data"). De-Identified Data will have all direct and indirect personal identifiers removed; this includes, but is not limited to, name, date of birth, demographic information, location information and school identity. Class Creator agrees not to attempt to re-identify the De-Identified Data and not to transfer the De-Identified Data to a third party unless that party agrees not to attempt re-identification.

Class Creator will not disclose your personal information to a third parties without your consent, unless we are required or authorised to do so by law or other regulation. In the event of an investigation into suspected unlawful or improper activity, a law enforcement agency or government agency may exercise its legal authority to inspect the web server's records (e.g., in relation to hacking or abusive messages).

Student information collected on Class Creator is never used or disclosed for third party advertising targeted at students or parents.