

VERMONT K-12 STUDENT DATA PRIVACY AGREEMENT
Version 1.0

Southwest Vermont Supervisory Union

and

IXL Learning, Inc.

December 3, 2018

This Vermont Student Data Privacy Agreement ("DPA") is entered into by and between the **Southwest Vermont Supervisory Union** (hereinafter referred to as "LEA") and **IXL Learning, Inc.** (hereinafter referred to as "Provider") on **12/3/2018**. The Parties agree to the terms as stated herein.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Provider has agreed to provide the Local Education Agency ("LEA") with certain digital educational services ("Services") pursuant to the IXL Learning Terms of Service (available at www.ixl.com/termsofservice) ("Service Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, in order to provide the Services described in the Service Agreement, the Provider may receive or create and the LEA may provide documents or data that are covered by several federal statutes, among them, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA") at 20 U.S.C. 1232g (34 CFR Part 99), Children's Online Privacy Protection Act ("COPPA"), 15 U.S.C. 6501-6506; and the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment ("PPRA") 20 U.S.C. 1232h; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement complies with Vermont laws and Federal Law.

WHEREAS, for the purposes of this DPA, Provider is a school official with legitimate educational interests in accessing educational records pursuant to the Service Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to enter into this DPA to ensure that the Service Agreement conforms to the requirements of the privacy laws referred to above and to establish implementing procedures and duties.

NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE I: PURPOSE AND SCOPE

- 1. Purpose of DPA.** The purpose of this DPA is to describe the duties and responsibilities to protect student data transmitted to Provider from the LEA pursuant to the Service Agreement, including compliance with all applicable statutes, including the FERPA, PPRA, COPPA, and other applicable Vermont State laws, all as may be amended from time to time. In performing these services, the Provider shall be considered a School Official with a legitimate educational interest, and performing services otherwise provided by the LEA. With respect to the use and maintenance of Student Data, Provider shall be under the direct control and supervision of the LEA.
- 2. Nature of Services Provided.** The Provider has agreed to provide the following digital educational products and services described below and as may be further outlined in Exhibit "A" hereto:

The IXL Service

3. **Student Data to Be Provided.** The Parties shall indicate the categories of student data to be provided in the Schedule of Data, attached hereto as Exhibit “B”
4. **DPA Definitions.** The definition of terms used in this DPA is found in Exhibit “C”. In the event of a conflict, definitions used in this DPA shall prevail over term used in the Service Agreement.

ARTICLE II: DATA OWNERSHIP AND AUTHORIZED ACCESS

1. **Student Data Property of LEA.** As between the parties, all Student Data transmitted to the Provider pursuant to the Service Agreement is and will continue to be the property of and under the control of the LEA. The Provider further acknowledges and agrees that all copies of such Student Data transmitted to the Provider, including any modifications or additions or any portion thereof from any source, are subject to the provisions of this Agreement in the same manner as the original Student Data. The Parties agree that as between them, all rights, including all intellectual property rights in and to Student Data contemplated per the Service Agreement shall remain the exclusive property of the LEA. For the purposes of FERPA, the Provider shall be considered a School Official, under the control and direction of the LEAs as it pertains to the use of Student Data notwithstanding the above. Provider may transfer Student Data to a separate account at the written direction of LEA.
2. **Parent Access.** LEA shall establish reasonable procedures by which a parent, legal guardian, or eligible student may review Student Data in the pupil’s records, correct erroneous information, and procedures for the transfer of pupil-generated content to a personal account, consistent with the functionality of services. Provider shall respond in a timely manner (and no later than 45 days from the date of the request) to the LEA’s request for Student Data in a pupil’s records held by the Provider to view or correct as necessary. In the event that a parent of a pupil or other individual contacts the Provider to review any of the Student Data accessed pursuant to the Services, the Provider shall refer the parent or individual to the LEA, who will follow the necessary and proper procedures regarding the requested information.
3. **Separate Account.** If pupil generated content is stored or maintained by the Provider as part of the Services described in Exhibit “A”, Provider shall, at the request of the LEA, transfer said pupil generated content to a separate student account upon termination of the Service Agreement; provided, however, such transfer shall only apply to pupil generated content that is severable from the Service.
4. **Third Party Request.** Should a Third Party, including law enforcement and government entities, contact Provider with a request for data held by the Provider pursuant to the Services, the Provider shall redirect the Third Party to request the data directly from the LEA. Provider shall notify the LEA in advance of a compelled disclosure to a Third Party.
5. **Subprocessors.** Provider shall enter into written agreements with all Subprocessors performing functions pursuant to the Service Agreement, whereby the Subprocessors agree to protect Student Data in manner consistent with the terms of this DPA.

ARTICLE III: DUTIES OF LEA

1. **Privacy Compliance.** LEA shall provide data for the purposes of the Service Agreement in compliance with FERPA, COPPA, PPRA, and all other privacy statutes.
2. **Annual Notification of Rights.** If the LEA has a policy of disclosing education records under FERPA (34 CFR § 99.31 (a) (1)), LEA shall include a specification of criteria for determining who constitutes a school official and what constitutes a legitimate educational interest in its Annual notification of rights.
3. **Reasonable Precautions.** LEA shall take reasonable precautions to secure usernames, passwords, and any other means of gaining access to the services and hosted data.
4. **Unauthorized Access Notification.** LEA shall notify Provider promptly of any known or suspected unauthorized access. LEA will assist Provider in any efforts by Provider to investigate and respond to any unauthorized access.

ARTICLE IV: DUTIES OF PROVIDER

1. **Privacy Compliance.** The Provider shall comply with all applicable State and Federal laws and regulations pertaining to data privacy and security, including FERPA, COPPA, PPRA, and all other privacy statutes.
2. **Authorized Use.** The data shared pursuant to the Service Agreement, including persistent unique identifiers, shall be used for no purpose other than the Services stated in the Service Agreement and/or otherwise authorized under the statutes referred to in subsection (1), above. Provider also acknowledges and agrees that it shall not make any re-disclosure of any Student Data or any portion thereof, including without limitation, meta data, user content or other non-public information and/or personally identifiable information contained in the Student Data, without the express written consent of the LEA, unless it fits into the de-identified information exception in Article IV, Section 4, or there is a court order or lawfully issued subpoena for the information. .
3. **Employee Obligation.** Provider shall require all employees and agents who have access to Student Data to comply with all applicable provisions of this DPA with respect to the data shared under the Service Agreement.
4. **No Disclosure.** De-identified information may be used by the Provider for the purposes of development, research, and improvement of educational sites, services, or applications, as any other member of the public or party would be able to use de-identified data pursuant to 34 CFR 99.31(b). Provider agrees not to attempt to re-identify de-identified Student Data. Provider shall not copy, reproduce or transmit any data obtained under the Service Agreement and/or any portion thereof, except for purposes permitted by the Service Agreement.
5. **Disposition of Data.** Upon written request and in accordance with the applicable terms in subsection a or b, below, Provider shall, within sixty (60) days, dispose or delete all Student Data obtained under the Service Agreement when it is no longer needed for the purpose for which it was obtained. Disposition shall include (1) the shredding of any hard copies of any Student Data; (2) Erasing; or (3) Otherwise modifying the personal information in those records to make it

unreadable or indecipherable by human or digital means. Nothing in the Service Agreement authorizes Provider to maintain Student Data obtained under the Service Agreement beyond the time period reasonably needed to complete the disposition. Provider shall provide written notification to LEA when the Student Data has been disposed. The duty to dispose of Student Data shall not extend to data that has been de-identified or placed in a separate Student account, pursuant to the other terms of the DPA. The LEA may employ a “Request for Return or Deletion of Student Data” form, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “D”. Upon receipt of a request from the LEA, the Provider will immediately provide the LEA with any specified portion of the Student Data within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of said request.

a. Partial Disposal During Term of Service Agreement. Throughout the Term of the Service Agreement, LEA may request partial disposal of Student Data obtained under the Service Agreement that is no longer needed. Partial disposal of data shall be subject to LEA’s request to transfer data to a separate account, pursuant to Article II, section 3, above.

b. Complete Disposal Upon Termination of Service Agreement. Upon Termination of the Service Agreement Provider shall dispose or delete all Student Data obtained under the Service Agreement. Prior to disposition of the data, Provider shall notify LEA in writing of its option to transfer data to a separate account, pursuant to Article II, section 3, above. In no event shall Provider dispose of data pursuant to this provision unless and until Provider has received affirmative written confirmation from LEA that data will not be transferred to a separate account.

6. Advertising Prohibition. Provider is prohibited from using or selling Student Data to (a) market or advertise to students or families/guardians; (b) inform, influence, or enable marketing, advertising, or other commercial efforts by a Provider; (c) develop a profile of a student, family member/guardian or group, for any commercial purpose other than providing the Service to LEA; or (d) use the Student Data for the development of commercial products or services, other than as necessary to provide the Service to LEA. This section does not prohibit Provider from using Student Data for adaptive learning or customized student learning purposes.

ARTICLE V: DATA PROVISIONS

1. Data Security. The Provider agrees to abide by and maintain adequate data security measures, as outlined in IXL Information Security Policies and Procedures which is attached hereto , to protect Student Data from unauthorized disclosure or acquisition by an unauthorized person. The general security duties of Provider are set forth below. Provider may further detail its security programs and measures in Exhibit “F” hereto. These measures shall include, but are not limited to:

a. Passwords and Employee Access. Provider shall secure usernames, passwords, and any other means of gaining access to the Services or to Student Data. Provider shall only provide access to Student Data to employees or contractors that are performing the Services. Employees with access to Student Data shall have signed confidentiality agreements regarding said Student Data. All employees with access

to Student Records shall be subject to criminal background checks according to Provider's then current criminal background check procedures.

- b. Destruction of Data.** Provider shall destroy or delete all Student Data obtained under the Service Agreement when it is no longer needed for the purpose for which it was obtained or transfer said data to LEA or LEA's designee, according to the procedure identified in Article IV, section 5, above. Nothing in the Service Agreement authorizes Provider to maintain Student Data beyond the time period reasonably needed to complete the disposition.
- c. Security Protocols.** Both parties agree to maintain security protocols in the transfer or transmission of any data, including taking steps so that data may only be viewed or accessed by parties legally allowed to do so. Provider shall maintain all data obtained or generated pursuant to the Service Agreement in a secure digital environment and not copy, reproduce, or transmit Student Data obtained pursuant to the Service Agreement, except as necessary to fulfill the purpose of data requests by LEA. The foregoing does not limit the ability of the Provider to allow any subprocessors to view or access data as set forth in Article IV, section 4.
- d. Employee Training.** The Provider shall provide periodic security training to those of its employees who operate or have access to the system. Further, Provider shall provide LEA with contact information of an employee who LEA may contact if there are any security concerns or questions.
- e. Security Technology.** When the service is accessed using a supported web browser, Provider shall employ industry standard measures to protect data from unauthorized access. The service security measures shall include server authentication and data encryption. Provider shall host data pursuant to the Service Agreement in an environment using a firewall.
- f. Security Coordinator.** If different from the designated representative identified in Article VII, section 5, Provider shall provide the name and contact information of Provider's Security Coordinator for the Student Data received pursuant to the Service Agreement.
- g. Subprocessors Bound.** Provider shall enter into written agreements whereby Subprocessors agree to secure and protect Student Data in a manner consistent with the terms of this Article V. Provider shall periodically conduct or review compliance monitoring and assessments of Subprocessors to determine their compliance\.
- h. Periodic Risk Assessment.** Provider further acknowledges and agrees to conduct digital and physical periodic (no less than semi-annual) risk assessments and remediate any identified security and privacy vulnerabilities in a timely manner.

2. Data Breach. In the event that Student Data is accessed or obtained by an unauthorized individual, Provider shall provide notification to LEA within a reasonable amount of time of the incident, and not exceeding forty eight (48) hours. Provider shall follow the following process:

- a.** The security breach notification shall be written in plain language, shall be titled “Notice of Data Breach,” and shall present the information described herein under the following headings: “What Happened,” “What Information Was Involved,” “What We Are Doing,” “What You Can Do,” and “For More Information.” Additional information may be provided as a supplement to the notice.
- b.** The security breach notification described above in section 2(a) shall include, at a minimum, the following information:

 - i.** The name and contact information of the reporting LEA subject to this section.
 - ii.** A list of the types of personal information that were or are reasonably believed to have been the subject of a breach.
 - iii.** If the information is possible to determine at the time the notice is provided, then either (1) the date of the breach, (2) the estimated date of the breach, or (3) the date range within which the breach occurred. The notification shall also include the date of the notice.
 - iv.** Whether the notification was delayed as a result of a law enforcement investigation, if that information is possible to determine at the time the notice is provided.
 - v.** A general description of the breach incident, if that information is possible to determine at the time the notice is provided.
- d.** Provider agrees to adhere to all requirements in applicable State and in federal law with respect to a data breach related to the Student Data, including, when appropriate or required, the required responsibilities and procedures for notification and mitigation of any such data breach.
- e.** Provider further acknowledges and agrees to have a written incident response plan that is consistent with federal and state law for responding to a data breach, breach of security, privacy incident or unauthorized acquisition or use of Student Data or any portion thereof, including personally identifiable information and agrees to provide LEA, upon request, with a copy of said written incident response plan.
- f.** Provider is prohibited from directly contacting parent, legal guardian or eligible pupil regarding a breach unless expressly requested by LEA or required by applicable law. If LEA requests Provider’s assistance providing notice of unauthorized access, and such assistance is not unduly burdensome to Provider, Provider shall notify the affected parent, legal guardian or eligible pupil of the unauthorized access, which shall include the information listed in subsections (b) and (c), above. If requested by LEA, Provider shall reimburse LEA for costs incurred to notify parents/families of a breach not originating from LEA's use of the Service, to the extent such notifications are required by applicable law.
- g.** In the event of a breach originating from LEA’s use of the Service, Provider shall cooperate with LEA to the extent necessary to expeditiously secure Student Data.

ARTICLE VI- GENERAL OFFER OF PRIVACY TERMS

Deleted.

ARTICLE VII: MISCELLANEOUS

1. **Term**. The Provider shall be bound by this DPA for the duration of the Service Agreement or so long as the Provider maintains any Student Data. .
2. **Termination**. In the event that either party seeks to terminate this DPA, they may do so by mutual written consent so long as the Service Agreement has lapsed or has been terminated. LEA shall have the right to terminate the DPA and Service Agreement in the event of a material breach of the terms of this DPA.
3. **Effect of Termination**. If the Service Agreement is terminated, the Provider shall destroy all Personally Identifiable Data pursuant to Article V, section 1(b), and Article II, section 3, above.
4. **Priority of Agreements**. This DPA shall govern the treatment of student data in order to comply with privacy protections, including those found in FERPA and all applicable privacy statutes identified in this DPA. In the event there is conflict between the DPA and the Service Agreement, the DPA shall apply and take precedence. Except as described in this paragraph herein, all other provisions of the Service Agreement shall remain in effect.
5. **Notice**. All notices or other communication required or permitted to be given hereunder must be in writing and given by personal delivery, or e-mail transmission (if contact information is provided for the specific mode of delivery), or first class mail, postage prepaid, sent to the designated representatives before:

a. Designated Representatives

The designated representative for the LEA for this Agreement is:

Name: Frank D. Barnes
Title: Director of Educational Technology
Contact Information: fbarnes@svsu.org
802-753-5510

The designated representative for the Provider for this Agreement is:

Name: IXL Contracts Administration Team
Title: _____
Contact Information: legalnotices@ixl.com

6. **Entire Agreement.** This DPA constitutes the entire agreement of the parties relating to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior communications, representations, or agreements, oral or written, by the parties relating thereto. This DPA may be amended and the observance of any provision of this DPA may be waived (either generally or in any particular instance and either retroactively or prospectively) only with the signed written consent of both parties. Neither failure nor delay on the part of any party in exercising any right, power, or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver of such right, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any such right, power, or privilege preclude any further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, power, or privilege.
7. **Severability.** Any provision of this DPA that is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions of this DPA, and any such prohibition or unenforceability in any jurisdiction shall not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if such provision could be more narrowly drawn so as not to be prohibited or unenforceable in such jurisdiction while, at the same time, maintaining the intent of the parties, it shall, as to such jurisdiction, be so narrowly drawn without invalidating the remaining provisions of this DPA or affecting the validity or enforceability of such provision in any other jurisdiction.
8. **Governing Law; Venue and Jurisdiction.** This DPA will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Vermont, without regard to conflicts of law principles. Each party consents and submits to the sole and exclusive jurisdiction of Vermont's state and federal courts for any dispute arising out of or relating to this service agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby.
9. **Authority.** Provider represents that it is authorized to bind to the terms of this Agreement, including confidentiality and destruction of Student Data and any portion thereof contained therein, all related or associated institutions, individuals, employees or contractors who may have access to the Student Data and/or any portion thereof, or may own, lease or control equipment or facilities of any kind where the Student Data and portion thereof stored, maintained or used in any way. Provider agrees that any purchaser of the Provider shall also be bound to the Agreement.
10. **Waiver.** No delay or omission of the LEA to exercise any right hereunder shall be construed as a waiver of any such right and the LEA reserves the right to exercise any such right from time to time, as often as may be deemed expedient.
11. **Successors Bound.** This DPA is and shall be binding upon the respective successors in interest to Provider in the event of a merger, acquisition, consolidation or other business reorganization

or sale of all or substantially all of the assets of such business.

[Signature Page Follows]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Student Data Privacy Agreement as of the last day noted below.

IXL Learning, Inc

BY: *Paul Mishkin* Date: 12.03.2018

Printed Name: Paul Mishkin Title/Position: CEO

Southwest Vermont Supervisory Union

BY: *Frank D. Barnes* Date: 12/17/2018

Printed Name: Frank D. Barnes Title/Position: Director of Educational Technology

Note: Electronic signature not permitted.

EXHIBIT “A”

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

<https://www.ixl.com/>

The IXL Service, pursuant to the IXL terms of service (www.ixl.com/termservice) and IXL privacy policy (www.ixl.com/privacypolicy).

EXHIBIT “B”

SCHEDULE OF DATA

Please see attached rostering spreadsheet. The District has the option of providing as much or little of the information on the rostering spreadsheet as deemed necessary by the District. The IXL Service may be used on a pseudonymous basis.

EXHIBIT “C”

DEFINITIONS

De-Identified Information (DII): De-Identification refers to the process by which the Vendor removes or obscures any Personally Identifiable Information (“PII”) from student records in a way that removes or minimizes the risk of disclosure of the identity of the individual and information about them.

Educational Records: Educational Records are official records, files and data directly related to a student and maintained by the school or local education agency, including but not limited to, records encompassing all the material kept in the student’s cumulative folder, such as general identifying data, records of attendance and of academic work completed, records of achievement, and results of evaluative tests, health data, disciplinary status, test protocols and individualized education programs. For purposes of this DPA, Educational Records are referred to as Student Data.

NIST: Draft National Institute of Standards and Technology (“NIST”) Special Publication Digital Authentication Guideline.

Operator: The term “Operator” means the operator of an Internet Website, online service, online application, or mobile application with actual knowledge that the site, service, or application is used primarily for K–12 school purposes and was designed and marketed for K–12 school purposes. For the purpose of the Service Agreement, the term "Operator" is replaced by the term "Provider." This term shall encompass the term "Third Party," as it is found in applicable state statutes.

Personally Identifiable Information (PII): The terms “Personally Identifiable Information” or “PII” shall be as defined in FERPA, 34 CFR 99.3:

The term includes, but is not limited to -

- (a) The student's name;
- (b) The name of the student's parent or other family members;
- (c) The address of the student or student's family;
- (d) A personal identifier, such as the student's social security number, student number, or biometric record;
- (e) Other indirect identifiers, such as the student's date of birth, place of birth, and mother's maiden name;
- (f) Other information that, alone or in combination, is linked or linkable to a specific student that would allow a reasonable person in the school community, who does not have personal knowledge of the relevant circumstances, to identify the student with reasonable certainty; or

(g) Information requested by a person who the educational agency or institution reasonably believes knows the identity of the student to whom the education record relates.

Provider: For purposes of the Service Agreement, the term “Provider” means provider of digital educational software or services, including cloud-based services, for the digital storage, management, and retrieval of pupil records. Within the DPA the term "Provider" includes the term “Third Party” and the term “Operator” as used in applicable state statutes.

Pupil Generated Content: The term “pupil-generated content” means materials or content created by a pupil during and for the purpose of education including, but not limited to, essays, research reports, portfolios, creative writing, music or other audio files, photographs, videos, and account information that enables ongoing ownership of pupil content.

Pupil Records: Defined as education records as defined in FERPA, 34 CFR 99.3: The term means those records that are:

- (1) Directly related to a student; and
- (2) Maintained by an educational agency or institution or by a party acting for the agency or institution.

Service Agreement: Refers to the Contract or Purchase Order to which this DPA supplements and modifies.

School Official: For the purposes of this Agreement and pursuant to 34 CFR 99.31 (B), a School Official is a contractor that: (1) Performs an institutional service or function for which the agency or institution would otherwise use employees; (2) Is under the direct control of the agency or institution with respect to the use and maintenance of education records; and (3) Is subject to 34 CFR 99.33(a) governing the use and re-disclosure of personally identifiable information from student records.

Student Data: Student Data includes Pupil Records as previously defined. Student Data as specified in Exhibit B is confirmed to be collected or processed by the Provider pursuant to the Services. Student Data shall not constitute that information that has been anonymized or de-identified, or anonymous usage data regarding a student’s use of Provider’s services.

SDPC (The Student Data Privacy Consortium): Refers to the national collaborative of schools, districts, regional, territories and state agencies, policy makers, trade organizations and marketplace providers addressing real-world, adaptable, and implementable solutions to growing data privacy concerns.

Student Personal Information: "Student Personal Information" means Student Data.

Subscribing LEA: An LEA that was not party to the original Services Agreement and who accepts the Provider’s General Offer of Privacy Terms.

Sub-processor: For the purposes of this Agreement, the term “Sub-processor” (sometimes referred to as the “Subcontractor”) means a party other than LEA or Provider, who Provider uses for data collection, analytics, storage, or other service to operate and/or improve its software, and who has access to PII.

Targeted Advertising: Targeted advertising means presenting an advertisement to a student where the selection of the advertisement is based on Student Data or inferred over time from the usage of the Provider’s website, online service or mobile application by such student or the retention of such student’s online activities or requests over time.

Third Party: The term “Third Party” means an entity that is not the provider, a subprocessor, or LEA.

EXHIBIT “D”

DIRECTIVE FOR DISPOSITION OF DATA

[Name or District or LEA] directs IXL Learning, Inc. to dispose of data obtained by Company pursuant to the terms of the Service Agreement between LEA and Company. The terms of the Disposition are set forth below:

<p><u>Extent of Disposition</u></p> <p>Disposition shall be:</p>	<p>_____ Partial. The categories of data to be disposed of are as follows: [INSERT CATEGORIES]</p> <p>_____ Complete. Disposition extends to all categories of data.</p>
<p><u>Nature of Disposition</u></p> <p>Disposition shall be by:</p>	<p>_____ Destruction or deletion of data.</p> <p>_____ Transfer of data. The data shall be transferred as set forth in an attachment to this Directive. Following confirmation from LEA that data was successfully transferred, Provider shall destroy or delete all applicable data.</p>
<p><u>Timing of Disposition</u></p> <p>Data shall be disposed of by the following date:</p>	<p>_____ As soon as commercially practicable</p> <p>_____ By (Insert Date) _____</p> <p>[Insert special instructions.]</p>

Authorized Representative of LEA

Date

Verification of Disposition of Data
by Authorized Representative of Provider

Date

Authorized Representative of Company

Date

EXHIBIT “F” DATA SECURITY REQUIREMENTS

See attached.

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