**OER Project Narrative Data Statement**

**Overview**

OER Project provides free, comprehensive online curriculum resources aligned to United States school standards. We have designed the platform, which is intended for use by teachers and students, with an emphasis on privacy, accessibility, and open educational practices. This statement describes how data is collected, used, and protected, and outlines the platform's approach to privacy, security, and accessibility.

**Data Collection and Use**

**User Types and Data Collected:**

- Teachers: Teacher account creation and log-in are required for access to certain resources (for example: lesson guides, event registration, and forum participation). When registering, teachers must provide their name, email address, and school affiliation.
- Students: No student log-in or account creation is required. Students access curriculum materials anonymously via links provided by teachers or by navigating to the website. No student personal identifiable information (PII) or student work is collected or stored.
- General visitors: Non-logged-in users can browse public curriculum content without providing any personal information.

**Automatically Collected Information:**

- The platform uses cookies and analytics tools to gather nonpersonal data such as IP address, browser type, device information, and usage patterns. This information is used to improve site functionality and user experience.

**No Student Data Collection:**

- OER Project does not request, collect, or store student PII or student work. All student use is anonymous and no authentication is required.

**Data Sharing and Disclosure**

- No sale or commercial use: OER Project does not sell or profit from any user data, including data from teachers or students.
- Third-party service providers: Data may be shared with trusted service providers solely for the purpose of operating or improving the platform (for example: hosting and analytics). These providers are contractually obligated to protect user data and may not use it for other purposes.
- No targeted advertising: The platform does not engage in targeted, behavioral, or contextual advertising, nor does it send user data to advertising networks.
- Legal compliance: Data may be disclosed as required by law, or to protect the rights, property, or safety of users and the platform.

**Data Security and Retention**

- OER Project implements reasonable security measures to protect personal information from unauthorized access, alteration, or disclosure.
- Data is retained only as long as necessary to provide services and comply with legal obligations.
- The platform does not currently have a public vulnerability disclosure program for security researchers.

**User Rights and Choices**

- Teachers: Teachers can update, correct, or delete their account information at any time. Teachers can choose to opt out of communications.
- Students: No personal data is collected; therefore, no data management is required for students.
- Accessibility: OER Project is committed to accessibility and strives to meet WCAG 2.1 AA standards. All videos have captions or transcripts, images have alt text, and the platform supports screen readers and keyboard-only navigation.

**Platform Interoperability and Authentication**

- Authentication: Log-in is required only for teachers accessing specific resources; students do not need to authenticate.
- Single sign-on (SSO): The platform currently supports OAuth 2.0 SSO protocols for integration with Clever and community forum log-in.
- Learning management system (LMS) integration: There is no current support for Schoology LTI, Clever rostering, or other rostering/authentication integrations.
- AI and automation: The platform does not employ generative AI, chatbots, or automated content generation features.

**Communication and Contact Information**

- Email communication: Teachers who choose to register may receive email communications. Student email addresses are not collected or used.
- Contact information: Teachers may choose to share contact information for account management and communication with OER Project staff. This information is not shared with third parties.

**Legal and Policy Commitments**

- Privacy and terms: OER Project's privacy policy and terms of use are current and publicly available (Privacy Policy, Terms of Use).

- Compliance: The platform is not intended for children under 13 and complies with applicable privacy laws. No student data is collected or processed.

**Accessibility Statement**

- OER Project has completed a voluntary product accessibility template (VPAT) and makes it available upon request. Send an email to help@oerproject.com to gain access.
- The platform is compatible with assistive technologies, provides meaningful alt text for images, accurate captions for videos, and supports keyboard-only navigation.

**Updates**

- This data statement may be updated to reflect changes in platform practices or policies. Users are encouraged to review it periodically.

**Contact Us**

If you have any questions about our privacy practices or this statement, please contact us at help@oerproject.com.