
PROJECT UNICORN

I'M A I want to begin implementing **interoperability** but I don't know how to get started.
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➞ SIGN

Sign the Project Unicorn Pledge! When you sign the pledge, you commit to creating a digital ecosystem that fosters data interoperability, privacy, and security. You will receive notifications about events, conference sessions, and Project Unicorn Bootcamps, scholarship opportunities to events where you can build your interoperability toolkit, and access to resources and initiatives including one-to-one mentorship with districts who have mobilized their movement towards interoperability as well as technical assistance for implementation.

➞ INVENTORY

According to a survey done by ISTE and Jefferson Education Exchange*, districts with over 1,000 students use 548 distinct EdTech tools. In order to begin building an interoperable ecosystem that optimizes data and insights, **carefully consider the tools in your classroom and how they perform against the following measurements:**

- Privacy and security
- Import, export, and synchronization capabilities
- Data type and format
- Scalability
- Adherence to an industry accepted data interoperability standard

➞ EXPLORE

Discover new resources and edtech tools to help you move towards interoperability. Once you've taken stock of the tools that you use in your classroom, explore the resources that can help you evaluate edtech purchases through an interoperability lens going forward. Be sure to consult these tools:

- **Project Unicorn Product Index powered by Lea(R)n Platform:** Find out which tools have signed the Project Unicorn EdTech Vendor Pledge, along with product reviews and information for each tool.
- **10 Questions to Ask EdTech Vendors Before You Buy:** Ask EdTech Vendors these quick questions to see if their tool will seamlessly integrate into your ecosystem.
- **Project Unicorn Rubric:** Incorporate this language into your RFPs.
- **Better EdTech Buying for Educators: A Practical Guide:** Read the newly released procurement guide that includes descriptions of resources that can level-set and provide opportunities for learning, guided questions for educators seeking more participation, and stories from individuals, districts, and schools that show how these tools and methods improved their educational impact.

