

AI Vendor Vetting Scorecard

Use this scorecard to compare multiple vendors and make informed decisions about AI adoption in schools. For additional guidance on evaluating vendors, consider using trusted resources such as:

- [ISTE's EdTech Ratings](#)
- [Common Sense Education AI Reviews](#)

These platforms provide expert evaluations of AI tools, privacy policies, and educational effectiveness.

Scoring Guide:

- **35-50 points:** Strong vendor with robust privacy protections, compliance, and transparency.
- **20-34 points:** Vendor meets some requirements but may need additional oversight or contract revisions.
- **Below 20 points:** High risk – vendor does not meet key legal and ethical standards.

Evaluation Criteria	Key Questions	Rating (1-5)	Comments
Compliance & Legal Standards	Does the vendor comply with FERPA, COPPA, and GDPR?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5	
	Is the vendor certified by iKeepSafe, FTC-authorized bodies, or similar organizations?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5	
Data Privacy & Security	Does the contract prohibit data sharing with third parties without school approval?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5	
	Does the vendor specify how long student data is stored and provide a clear deletion policy?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5	
	Are encryption and secure access controls in place to protect student information?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5	

Bias & Fairness	Has the AI tool been tested for algorithmic bias across diverse student populations?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5	
	Does the vendor provide documentation on bias testing results and mitigation strategies?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5	
Transparency & Explainability	Does the vendor provide clear explanations of how AI makes decisions?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5	
	Can educators customize AI tool settings to align with district policies and instructional goals?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5	
Ongoing Support & Training	Does the vendor offer professional development and support resources for educators?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5	
	Is there a designated point of contact for schools to report concerns or request assistance?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5	
Total Score			