

WHO WE ARE

The Access 4 Learning (A4L) Community, and its special interest group the Student Data Privacy Consortium (SDPC), is a unique, non-profit collaboration composed of schools, districts, local authorities, states, US and International Ministries of Education, software vendors and consultants.

The Community started in 1997 (known as the SIF Association) focussed on developing Community-driven, open standards for data management and exchange, “Powered by SIF” as its major technical tool to help manage learning data simply, securely and in a scalable, standard way regardless of platform. Established in 2015, the SDPC was created to tackle the complex, everyday challenges of safeguarding learner information—bridging the gap between education providers and vendors through shared expectations and practical frameworks. The A4L Community united these education technology end users and providers in an unprecedented effort to ‘connect and secure effective learning ecosystems’ to give teachers more time to do what they do best: teach.



Connecting and Securing Effective Learning Ecosystems ®

<https://A4L.org>

WHAT WE DO

Interoperability



- Powered by the SIF Specification: a Community-developed, open standard
- Enables “enter once, use many times” efficiency across platforms
- Facilitates ‘the right information, in the right place, at the right time’ across disparate systems
- Learn more: <https://data.A4L.org>

Data Privacy



- Streamlines contracting and compliance across jurisdictions
- Thousands of schools and vendors use the same vetted privacy agreement
- Powering the Community-driven SDPC Resource Registry
- Learn more: <https://privacy.A4L.org>





BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

As an A4L Community member, you'll gain access to both the interoperability and data privacy initiatives—ensuring your voice helps shape the full spectrum of education data solutions.

- Your organization will be featured on the A4L website as a valued member of the Community.
- The opportunity to run for Leadership positions, helping to guide the Community towards achieving its mission.
- Access to the collaboration area, enabling participation in the various Project Teams & Committees developing our much needed resources for the marketplace.
- Access to the SDPC Resource Registry: view all signed Agreements & search the entire Registry across all Alliances.
- Use of the National Data Privacy Agreement (NDPA)
- Use of the National Research Data Privacy Agreement (NRDPA)
- Use of the SDPC Vendor Signatory Badges for non-modified NDPAs (*Vendors only*)
- Access to the SDPC Resource Registry API (*Premium only*)
- Unlimited use of the SIF Test Harness for quality assurance, control, support and testing (*Premium only*)



MEMBERSHIP

There are two levels of membership available:

BASIC

Perfect for most Users

Provides access to the members collaboration area, where you can get involved in all aspects of the Community-driven resource and Specification development. Full search functionality on the SDPC Resource Registry to view/access the Data Privacy Agreements.

PREMIUM

Ideal for those who wish to access the SDPC API and SIF Certification Program

All the Basic benefits, plus provides access to the SDPC Resource Registry API and the SIF Certification Program, providing unlimited access to the SIF Test Harness for quality assurance for Vendors and End Users.

Membership dues are payable annually. For Vendor members, dues are based on the gross annual revenue of your organization.

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