

K-12 Statement of Intent

to Adopt IMS Global Learning Consortium Standards in a Timely Manner

This document is intended as a resource for K-12 organizations. It provides necessary background information on the IMS Global Statement of Intent to Adopt IMS Global Learning Consortium Standards and sample RFP language that can be used as part of the procurement process. The suggested RFP wording is intended for learning tools and learning management systems (LMS).

What is the Statement of Intent?

The statement is a recommendation for K-12 institutions to use when negotiating with suppliers that will help to ensure the adoption and support of the most current versions of IMS Global standards. The statement also represents a strategy for working across departmental boundaries in order to advance the district edtech ecosystem to realize a fully integrated, transformative environment that holds the greatest potential for teaching innovation, deeper student engagement, and better return on learning.

Why is it Important?

Much like the operating system of a computer or mobile device, the real power of a learning ecosystem comes when the platform, tools, and applications are leveraging the most current and advanced functions. K-12 institutions want to choose the learning tools that best support their strategic vision to improve teaching and learning. Ensuring a more cohesive and effective edtech environment is achieved only when the learning platform and tools are seamlessly working together and support the most up-to-date features. By adopting this statement of intent and requiring suppliers to implement current standards institutions will help to ensure that the ecosystem's integrations are secure and maximizing the benefits of open standards.

Definitions

Solution: Product that is being considered for deployment/purchase.

Institution: The educational institution or district that is buying the Solution.

Supplier: The organization that is responsible for the ongoing implementation and/or operation of the Solution.

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[Name of Institution] advocates adoption by all suppliers of applicable open interoperability standards provided by the IMS Global Learning Consortium (IMS) in order to enable safe, flexible and rapid integrations. IMS standards are evolving under the governance of IMS member organizations (www.imsglobal.org/membersandaffiliates.html), which includes a majority of leading educational technology suppliers. The paragraph below describes [Name of Supplier/Company's] agreement to implement, certify, and "stay current" with the latest releases of IMS standards, so that [Name of institution] is not required to communicate on a standard-by-standard basis the availability and requirement to adopt IMS standards in a timely manner.

[Name of Supplier/Company] agrees that [Name of Tool] will become certified as compliant (as evidenced by publication of certification on imscert.org) with any final version of IMS Global Learning Consortium standards (available at www.imsglobal.org) that are applicable to [Name of Tool] within six (6) months of the public release of each standard (or specific later date if mutually agreed to by the parties), provided that: (a) the proposed modifications to the Solution would not create a security, privacy or accessibility compromise; (b) the IMS standard can be implemented with approximately the same amount of development resource as integration approaches of similar scope and thus does not create an undue financial burden on [Name of Supplier/Company]; and (c) at least three other similar institutions (by direct referral or via IMS) comparable to [Name of Institution] agree that the modifications necessary to [Name of Tool] are desirable. In the determination of (a), (b) or (c) above, [Name of Supplier/Company] will take into account how any proposed modification will affect customers generally where "Solution" means the product provided by [Name of Supplier/Company] and made available through a URL in a SaaS environment as further described in the Order Form.