Today’s challenges are unprecedented.

Students and teachers need a resilient, flexible, and data-rich technology experience, whether in the classroom, online, or across both, that improves productivity, increases engagement, and addresses learning loss. School districts and universities putting interoperability enabled by open standards at the center of their edtech ecosystem requirements are supporting their faculty and students better as they strive to make the most out of education technology. Open standards improve the ROI on technology spend.

Open standards are the best way to integrate. Let’s work together to ensure they’re the first choice.

Standards First is an edtech community call-to-action to ensure that we achieve open standards integrations as the foundation that enables product choice, improved cost, enhanced data, and student privacy.

Standards First begins with our pledge to make open standards the first and primary choice for integrations. The pledge is enforced by the collective power of the IMS community. The promise of open standards is then ensured by the ability to test interoperability. Through product certification and compatibility certification, we can work together to ensure consistent implementation of open standards across a broad spectrum of teaching and learning tools.

“ The Standards First Pledge from IMS Global positions education organizations to leverage our collective voice to require an even playing field when purchasing and implementing instructional tools.”

Emily E. Bell, Ed.D., Chief Information Officer, Fulton County Schools
Add your organization’s voice to Standards First.

It’s time for all of us to rise to the challenge of making open standards ubiquitous and effective—for the benefit of every student, every teacher, every institution, and every edtech supplier. When your organization signs the Standards First pledge and engages in the Standards First program, that puts interoperability at the center of your edtech ecosystem and ensures all learners and institutions get the choice, cost savings, and data privacy they deserve.

Pledge
Agree to use and advocate for open standards
Institutions, governments, and edtech suppliers work collaboratively to create, require, and promote standards-based integrations.

Certification
Spend less time on integrations
IMS certification guarantees interoperability across the widest range of integrations and thousands of certified products.

Compatibility
Align requirements across products
See technical gaps and steps needed to ensure compatibility and data privacy in a user-friendly dashboard.

Standards First Resources
The IMS community is committed to seamless plug-and-play integration based on open standards and have resources to help.

IMS Member Resources
• Improved and expanded OneRoster certification testing
• Technical resources to address consistency in OneRoster implementations
• New certification to onboard into the IMS Compatibility Check software
• Roundtable series covering Compatibility Check certification
• 1:1 Implementation Training Program

Public Resources
• Standards First pledge of support and signatory seal
• Listing of IMS certified applications in the IMS Product Directory
• Informative FAQs

Go to imsglobal.org for more info on Standards First and learn about the value of IMS membership.

Benefit from IMS Membership
Gain access to member-only reports of vetted applications, best practices, and checklists for choosing the right products to accelerate your digital transformation.

imsglobal.org/join

“We see IMS Global as a leader of this direction in the education market and are excited about partnering to contribute to the development and expansion of open standards. It's a great way for us to demonstrate that commitment and link arms with our like-minded peers.”

Michael Webb
Chief Technology Officer, Identity Automation