

PRESS RELEASE

IMS Global Learning Consortium Announces LTI Advantage Early Adopters
Industry-Leading Suppliers Take a Major Step Toward Enabling a Connected Digital Ecosystem that
Supports Better Teaching and Learning Experiences

LAKE MARY, Florida, 22 May 2018 — <u>IMS Global Learning Consortium</u> (IMS Global/IMS), the world-leading non-profit collaborative advancing edtech interoperability, innovation, and learning impact announced that 19 educational technology suppliers have committed to early LTI Advantage adoption and IMS certification.

The organizations that have joined the LTI Advantage early adopter program to date are AEFIS, Blackboard, Cengage, D2L, Edmentum, eLumen, GoReact, Gradescope, Hoonuit, Instructure (Canvas), Kaltura, McGraw-Hill Education, Perusall, Realizit, RedShelf, SAFARI Montage, VitalSource/Ingram, Voicethread, and YouSeeU.

LTI Advantage enables faculty innovation and helps reclaim instruction time by streamlining key classroom management tasks and making it easier to integrate multiple sources of digital tools and content in the right place at the right time.

"LTI Advantage was developed under the leadership of IMS members to rapidly grow the ecosystem of learning solutions and provide a foundation for more sophisticated services and functionality that will enable better teaching and learning experiences," said Dr. Rob Abel, chief executive officer, IMS Global Learning Consortium. "We are grateful for the leadership and early action by these committed organizations to recognize LTI Advantage as the preferred industry standard for learning product integration and meet institutional requirements for IMS certification."

LTI Advantage leverages IMS Global's new Security Framework, which aligns with industry best practices for learner privacy and data security giving institutional leaders and end users peace of mind that the bidirectional exchange of assessment results between a learning environment and LTI Advantage certified applications uses the latest security protocols.

<u>Available now</u> for IMS member adoption are the three LTI Advantage extensions: Assignment and Grade Services, Deep Linking, and Names and Role Provisioning Services, as well as, the LTI version 1.3 core specification, which is required for LTI Advantage certification and includes the enhanced IMS-wide Security Framework specification.

At the IMS Global <u>Learning Impact Leadership Institute</u> this week in Baltimore, Maryland, LTI Advantage will be featured in several sessions and a two-day hackathon where participants will be the first to see the new development utilities designed specifically to help institutions and suppliers get ready for LTI Advantage adoption in action.

Educational technology providers who want to learn more about joining the early adoption program and IMS members who want to test LTI Advantage certification should contact litadvantage@imsglobal.org.

For more information on LTI Advantage go to www.imsglobal.org/TakeAdvantage.

About IMS Global Learning Consortium

IMS Global Learning Consortium is a nonprofit organization that advances technology to affordably scale and improve educational participation and attainment. IMS Global members are leading suppliers, institutions, and government organizations that are enabling the future of education by collaborating on interoperability and adoption initiatives. IMS Global sponsors the Leadership Institute, a global program focused on recognizing the impact of innovative technology on educational access, affordability, and quality while developing the people and ideas to help shape the future of educational technology.