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iKeepSafe/ATLIS Student Data Privacy Certification Announced

The Internet Keep Safe Coalition ([iKeepSafe](#)) and the Association of Technology Leaders in Independent Schools ([ATLIS](#)) have launched the iKeepSafe/ATLIS Student Data Privacy [Certification](#), an independent, third-party review of the privacy policies and practices of K12 education technology products and services used by members of the ATLIS network of schools.

The iKeepSafe/ATLIS Student Data Privacy Certification, which closely aligns with both federal and state student data privacy regulations, is based on the guiding principles of

- Transparency
- Minimization of Data Collection
- Control of Student Data
- Choice and Disclosure
- Security
- Education

ATLIS Executive Director Sarah Hanawald, convened representatives from a number of associations focused on independent school best practices, student privacy, technology in schools, and risk management to develop the certification program. Leaders from the the Consortium for School Networking (CoSN), Mid-South Independent School Business Officers (MISBO), National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS), and National Business Officers Association (NBOA) joined the ATLIS Cybersecurity Task force to help iKeepSafe develop the iKeepSafe/ATLIS Student Data Privacy Certification.

The certification will simplify privacy compliance for education technology vendors and make it easy for the ATLIS network of schools to identify websites, apps, data management platforms, software, and other technology products that follow their high standards for protecting student data. “Cloud-based security is the next big thing, but it’s incredibly complicated. This certification makes it simple for schools to understand which vendors are doing a good job and the questions they can ask in order to meet their schools’ needs,” says Jamie Britto, Chief Information Officer at the Collegiate School in

Richmond, Virginia. Britto leads the Cybersecurity Task Force for ATLIS and is one of the faculty for the ATLIS Cybersecurity Workshop for Independent Schools, to be held in Fort Worth, Texas, July 19-20.

Education technology vendors who complete the certification process will be designated as such within the ATLIS Edtech Resource Center (atlis.learnplatform.com) where ATLIS members can access information and resources related to iKeepSafe-vetted products. Vendors can display the iKeepSafe/ATLIS Student Data Privacy Certification badge. Certified products will also be listed on iKeepSafe's [Certified Products](#) website page.

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