

What to Consider When Choosing an SIS

Infinite Campus understands selecting a new student information system (SIS) is not an easy decision. Many SIS vendors attempt to differentiate themselves by offering their first year software licenses for a reduced price. However, will this discount really save districts money down the road? When comparing SIS vendors, districts should evaluate the long-term effects of their decision.

Consider these questions when choosing a new SIS

1 What is the company's reputation?

With districts in more than 43 states, managing more than 7 million student's data, Infinite Campus is the largest American-owned SIS. Rather than acquiring product advancements through acquisitions, Infinite Campus is known for its company stability, continuous innovation and outstanding customer support.

2 How long has the CEO been with the company?

Infinite Campus Founder and CEO, Charlie Kratsch, has led the company since its beginning in 1993. Charlie is dedicated to the company's mission of Transforming K12 Education. By spending time at schools throughout the U.S., he has a solid understanding of how Infinite Campus can best support their needs.

3 Is the company privately owned or focused on shareholder profit?

As a privately held company, Infinite Campus is focused on the continued development of its product and the support of its customers. It's not controlled by a multinational corporation nor driven by profits for investors. Rather, corporate earnings are reinvested into the company.

4 Will the company ever end-of-life its product?

Infinite Campus continuously evolves to meet the ever-changing demands of education. Customers will always use the same SIS as when they first implement, so they'll never have to reinvest in new hardware or software.

5 Is the system Web-based or Web-enabled?

Infinite Campus was the first, truly Web-based SIS. Parents and students have real-time access to grades, attendance, assignments, schedule information and much more via the Campus Portal. And from any Apple® iOS or Android® device, the same information can be accessed via the Campus Mobile Portal.

6 Is the system fully integrated, or are third-party applications necessary?

Infinite Campus District Edition includes more core functionality than any other SIS available. From one, centralized SIS, data is entered once and accessed from anywhere with Internet. Beyond the core system, additional functionality such as Campus Food Service, Online Payments and Messenger with Voice are offered. All products are seamlessly integrated with the SIS, eliminating the need for third-party systems.

7 Are product upgrades included at no additional cost?

Infinite Campus provides the most up-to-date technology on the market. More than 150 in-house developers consistently work to add functionality, respond to changing educational needs and improve its solution. Monthly enhancements are added without disruption and included at no additional cost.

8 Over time, is there a lower total cost of ownership with the SIS?

Infinite Campus is upfront about costs and included core product functionality. Even with heavily discounted offers by some vendors, when calculated over five years, Infinite Campus often is the most cost effective provider.

9 What hosting options are available?

Districts can choose from multiple hosting options such as cloud and on-site hosting that automatically scale to size. All hardware, software, maintenance and updates are included for one, low annual license fee.

10 Does the company have reliable support options?

Infinite Campus has a 97% support satisfaction rating. Calls are answered by a support team member within three rings. An extensive online support option, the Campus Community, is available 24/7.

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