

Data Security Practices

The increasingly connected, data-rich environments of today's schools, combined with readily-available exploitation tools, are causing districts to become more frequent targets of cyberattacks. These attacks can range from stealing or modifying data, holding information systems hostage, or simply causing disruption.

Regardless of the type of attack or the motive of the attacker, districts need to protect their information. Here are some relatively simple tips and best-practices to help guide districts through enhancing the security of their environments.

Personal, Private or Sensitive Information

Safeguard all sensitive information from unauthorized access, disclosure, modification and destruction to prevent access disruptions that could severely impact critical functions of a school district. Safeguard all sensitive district information, in addition to student information protected under NYS Education Law 2-d or FERPA.



Student Demographics
Student Grades
Student Discipline



Custody Information
Special Education Data
Health & Disability Information



Financial Information
Teacher Ratings
Performance Evaluations

