

HR Open Standards



Who Is this organization?

HR OPEN IS A GLOBAL STANDARDS COMMUNITY

Founded in 1999, the HR Open Standards Consortium is the only non-profit, volunteer-led organization dedicated to the development and promotion of a full suite of human resource data specifications. Our voluntary consensus standards are free. Current, global HR vocabularies are developed in a transparent, collaborative based environment open to all HR professionals and organizations.

What are their activities of interest?

At HR Open we provide a place where industry leaders collaborate to enable innovation. Through our workgroups, Annual Meeting, website, and networking, HR Open provides various opportunities for technologists and practitioners to build and implement HR data standards. Our current projects include:

- Employer and Employee Earnings Records
- Background Checks between the Researcher and CRA
- Recruiting focused on Resumes and CV's
- Benefits for Health Reimbursement and Health Savings Accounts
- Assessments utilizing xAPI's

Why Is Data Standards United of interest?

HR Open partners with numerous associations and standards organizations to enable the adoption of standards throughout the education and workforce ecosystem. We believe that collaboration between organizations ensures the best outcome for the industry.

Where can I learn more?

<https://hropenstandards.org/>

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Kim Bartkus, Executive Director

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Access 4 Learning (A4L)



Who is this organization?

The Access 4 Learning (A4L) Community, previously the SIF Association, is a unique, non-profit collaboration composed of schools, districts, local authorities, states, US and International Ministries of Education, software vendors and consultants who collectively address all aspects of learning information management and access to support learning. The A4L Community is “Powered by SIF” Specifications as its major technical tool to allow for this management and access simply, securely and in a scalable, standard way regardless of the platform hosting those applications. The Student Data Privacy Consortium (SDPC), a Special Interest Group of the A4L Community, is designed to address the day-to-day, real-world multi-faceted issues that schools, states, territories, and vendors face when protecting learner information. SDPC’s vision is to develop common activities, artifacts, templates, tools and effective practices that can be leveraged through a unique collaborative of end users and marketplace providers working together.

What are their activities of interest?

- *SIF Specifications and Certification Program:* The most comprehensive K12 data model and internationally used infrastructure to allow marketplace providers to enable schools/states/territories to better manage and modernize their digital ecosystem data. These technical blueprints address everything from operations (busing, food service, etc.) all the way to state mandated federal reporting.
- *Privacy Resource Registry:* an internationally populated database of thousands of applications in use in schools, their privacy agreements with marketplace providers and a wealth of tools to better manage applications in school ecosystems.

Why Is Data Standards United of interest?

One of the Community’s mantras has always been “to focus on learning – no matter where the solution comes from.” Each partnership brings better solutions development to practitioners and learners and this group is ideal to continue partnerships and build new ones for enhancing learning.

Where can I learn more?

<https://www.A4L.org/> <https://privacy.A4L.org>

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Postsecondary Electronic Standards Council



Who is this organization?

The Postsecondary Electronic Standards Council (PESC) is an open standards-development and open standards-setting body (governed by a voluntary consensus model), independently funded by meetings, membership dues and sponsorships, enabling PESC to provide, maintain and offer PESC Approved Standards free and without charge. Established in 1997, PESC operates as an international 501(c)(3) non-profit, community-based, umbrella association headquartered in Washington, D.C. of Data & EdTech Vendors; Schools, Districts, Colleges and Universities; College, University and State/Provincial Systems; Local, State/Provincial and Federal Government Offices; Professional, Commercial and Non-Profit Organizations; and, Non-Profit Associations & Foundations.

What are their activities of interest?

- PESC governs nine major standards (Admissions Application, College Transcript, Course Inventory, Credential & Experiential Learning, ePortfolio, Financial Aid, High School Transcript, PDF, and Test Score) and governs their corresponding schemas and shared code sets in various technologies (e.g. EDI, XML, PDF, JSON); resource mapping and maintenance in alignment with education ecosystem taxonomies.
- Two Standards Development Workgroups in process with expected completion by end of 2020 (Admissions Workgroup for Standardizing Recruitment Data, EdPlan) and both are free and open for participation.
- Five permanent User Groups are free and open for participation (Canadian PESC, Competencies & Credentials, EdExchange, Education Record, and GEO Code) and meet regularly.
- Two Task Forces are free and open for participation (Data Privacy & Protection and JSON) and meet regularly.
- Two permanent Boards are free and open for participation (Change Control and Technical Advisory) and meet regularly.

Why is Data Standards United of interest?

PESC advocates for better coordination and recognition of all standards used in the new and expanding learning and employment ecosystem to support all stakeholders across the various industry sectors. With better coordination of standards and a neutral environment based on values, DSU can be the standards node in the global lifelong learning and employment network.

Where can I learn more?

<https://www.pesc.org>

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Michael Sessa, President & CEO

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