

DATA SHARING AGREEMENT

This Data Sharing Agreement (**DSA**) is entered into between Graduation Alliance, Inc (**Graduation Alliance**) and _____ (**District**). Participating Districts which opt-in to participation in the Ohio Attendance Recovery Program in accordance with the Agreement and this DSA are referred to individually in this DSA as a “District” and Graduation Alliance is bound by this DSA to each Participating District and Participating ESC individually. Participating ESCs do so on behalf of their constituent districts.

A. PURPOSE

This DSA serves the following purposes:

1. Preserving the confidentiality of Student identities, including assurance that identifiable Student Data is not released to third parties;
2. Enhancing the ability of Graduation Alliance and District to improve academic achievement for Students by allowing access to individual Student Records; and
3. Accurately measuring Graduation Alliance and District progress toward improving Student outcomes and indicators, and meeting set targets and other goals using data shared between the Parties.

B. DEFINITIONS

The following definitions apply to this document:

1. **“Student”** is defined as any individual who is or has been in attendance, whether in-person or online, with District, and regarding whom District maintains education records.
2. **“Personally Identifiable Information”** (“PII”) is as defined in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (“FERPA”), as set forth at 20 U.S.C. § 1232g, 34 CFR Part 99, and if applicable as defined in related state laws and regulations pertaining to the state in which the Student resides.
3. **“Education Records”** is as defined in FERPA and if applicable as defined in related state laws and regulations pertaining to the state in which the Student resides.
4. **“Student Data”** is the combination in any form of Personally Identifiable Information and Education Records.

C. OBLIGATIONS OF GRADUATION ALLIANCE

Graduation Alliance, representing all members of the organization, shall ensure the confidentiality of Student Data through the following methods:

1. Graduation Alliance’s data custodian(s) shall have completed commercially-reasonable training in the handling and maintenance of Student Data.
2. Graduation Alliance shall strictly comply with all state and federal laws that apply to the use and release of the Student Data. When necessary to comply with these laws, Graduation Alliance shall procure the consent of parents or eligible Students, as required under applicable law, to the release and use of the Student Data, and shall maintain and make written proof of parent or Student (if Student is over the age of 18) consent available to District.
3. Graduation Alliance shall comply with the re-disclosure limitations set forth in FERPA, including 34 C.F.R. § Part 99.33.
4. Graduation Alliance shall restrict access to the data only to (i) the person or persons who provide direct services to Students enrolled under the Master Agreement; or (ii) the person or persons within Graduation Alliance’s organization who have been tasked with analyzing the data; and make those persons aware of, and agree to abide by, the terms set forth in this DSA.
5. Graduation Alliance shall not release or otherwise reveal, directly or indirectly, the Student Data to any individual, agency, entity, or third party not included in this DSA, unless such disclosure is required by law or court order. Graduation Alliance shall report suspected child abuse or neglect according to District policy.
6. Graduation Alliance shall not distribute, reprint, alter, sell, assign, edit, modify or create derivative works or any ancillary materials from or with the Student Data.
7. Graduation Alliance shall not use Student Data shared under this DSA for any purpose other than the goals outlined in this DSA. Nothing in the DSA shall be construed to authorize Graduation Alliance to have access to additional Student Data from Graduation Alliance that is not included in the scope of the DSA (or addenda). Graduation Alliance understands that the DSA does not convey ownership of the Student Data to Graduation Alliance.
8. Graduation Alliance shall take commercially-reasonable security precautions and protections to ensure that persons not authorized to view the Student Data do not gain access to the Student Data. Commercially-reasonable security precautions and protections include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Creating, distributing, and implementing data governance policies and procedures which protect Student Data through appropriate administrative, technical, and physical security safeguards, and outline staff responsibilities for maintaining data security;
 - b. Encrypting all Student Data carried on mobile computers/devices;

- c. Encrypting all Student Data stored in Graduation Alliance’s databases or other storage and access media;
- d. Encrypting Student Data before it is transmitted electronically;
- e. Requiring that users be uniquely identified and authenticated before accessing Student Data;
- f. Establishing and enforcing well-defined data privilege rights which restrict users’ access to the Student Data necessary for them to perform their job functions;
- g. Ensuring that all Graduation Alliance staff accessing Student Data sign a commercially-reasonable non-disclosure agreement;
- h. Securing access to any physical areas/electronic devices where Student Data are stored;
- i. Installing technology necessary to provide commercially-reasonable security for network transmissions involving Student Data;
- j. Installing commercially-reasonable anti-virus, network intrusion, logging and notification systems to protect the network and computers where Student Data is stored and accessed;
 - i. Graduation Alliance shall report all known or suspected breaches of Student Data, in any format, to District’s data reporting team within twenty-four (24) hours of confirming or reasonably suspecting such a breach. The report shall include (1) the name, job title, and contact information of the person reporting the incident; (2) the name, job title, and contact information of the person who discovered the incident; (3) date and time the incident was discovered; (4) nature of the incident (e.g., system level electronic breach, an electronic breach of one computer or device, or a breach of hard copies of records; (5) a description of the information lost or compromised; (6) name of electronic system and possible interconnectivity with other systems; (7) storage medium from which information was lost or compromised; (8) controls in place to prevent unauthorized use of the lost or compromised information; (9) number of individuals potentially affected; and (10) whether law enforcement was contacted.
 - ii. Graduation Alliance shall securely and permanently destroy the Student Data, and any and all hard and soft (electronic) copies thereof, upon the termination of this DSA or the Master Agreement. Graduation Alliance agrees to require all employees, contractors, or agents of any kind using Student Data to comply with this provision. Graduation Alliance agrees to document the methods used to destroy the Student Data, and upon request, provide written certification to Graduation Alliance that the Student Data has been destroyed.
 - iii. For purposes of this DSA and ensuring Graduation Alliance’s compliance with the terms of this DSA and all applicable state and Federal laws, Graduation Alliance will designate a custodian of the Student Data that Graduation Alliance shares with District. Graduation Alliance will release all Student Data and information under this DSA to said named custodian (the “Data Custodian”) in Section VI of this DSA. The Data Custodian shall be responsible for transmitting all Student Data requests and maintaining a log or other record of all Student Data requested and received pursuant to the DSA, including confirmation of the return or destruction of Student Data as described below.
 - iv. Graduation Alliance or its agents may, upon request, review the records Graduation Alliance is required to keep under this DSA. Graduation Alliance designates its Chief Technology Officer (or an alternative designee specified in writing) as its liaison for all communications with Graduation Alliance regarding this DSA;
 - v. Graduation Alliance acknowledges that any violation of this DSA and/or the provisions of FERPA or accompanying state regulations related to the nondisclosure of protected Student information constitutes just cause for District to immediately terminate this DSA and the Master Agreement.

D. OBLIGATIONS OF DISTRICT

During the term of this Agreement, District shall prepare and deliver to Graduation Alliance the Necessary Data as defined in Appendix A to this DSA and do so in a digital format mutually agreed on by Parties.

E. REPORTING AUTHORIZATION

Graduation Alliance is authorized by each District to share de-identified, aggregated reports with ODE and Participating Districts’ ESCs, as specifically requested by the Ohio Department of Education or the applicable ESC.

<p>Necessary Data includes the following (where available) in addition to any further information agreed to between Contractor and Participating Districts and Charter Schools:</p>	<p>Additional data to facilitate assignment to intervention levels is recommended but not required and could include:</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student’s first name • Student’s last name • Parent/Guardian name • Home phone number • Student’s cell phone number • Parent/Guardian’s cell phone number • Student’s emergency contact name • Student’s emergency contact number • Student’s home address • Student’s email address • Parent/Guardian’s email address • Student’s grade level • Student’s date of birth • Student’s home language • Student’s race or ethnicity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student ID • Student attendance data for the year • Student’s last attendance date • Number of credits earned by Student this academic year • Number of credits attempted by Student this academic year • Number of credits Student has remaining to graduate • Student’s current cumulative GPA • Student’s current courses • Student’s course grades in the courses in which Student is currently enrolled • Student’s graduation status (as applicable)