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Washington To Create Statewide Longitudinal Data System for K-12 Schools

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The Washington State [Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction](#) is launching a statewide longitudinal data system to collect, store, analyze, and report student, educator, and financial data from the state's K-12 schools.

Currently, OSPI's data collection system is used to establish funding allocations, meet federal reporting requirements, monitor compliance with state and federal regulations, document educator certification, and ensure fiscal accountability.

A shift from an allocation and compliance program to an education improvement system that tracks student success over time, the SLDS will include new tools and reports to enable research into improving instruction, cost-effectiveness, and increased accountability.

The new system is being built by [Choice Solutions](#) and will be in place June 2012, according to Marketing Manager Brennain Delaney.

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