

# Ed-Fi Data Standard

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The Ed-Fi Unifying Data Model is the widely adopted, CEDS-aligned, open-source data standard developed by the educational community for the betterment of the community. The Unifying Data Model captures the meaning and inherent structure of the most important information in the K–12 education enterprise.

The Ed-Fi Unifying Data Model, along with the normative and non-normative guidance in the Ed-Fi Standards, serve as the foundation for enabling interoperability among secure data systems.

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### Data Exchange Standards

For a list of standards built on the Ed-Fi Unifying Data Model, visit the [Ed-Fi Data Exchange Standards Home](#).

### Guidelines

The Ed-Fi Alliance publishes technical guidelines for building solutions based on the Ed-Fi Data Standard:

- For REST API design and implementation guidelines, visit the [Ed-Fi API Design & Implementation Guidelines](#) documentation.
- For XSD design and implementation guidelines covering bulk XML, visit the [Ed-Fi XSD Design & Implementation Guidelines](#) documentation.

