

# Getting Started - Next Steps

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This section describes various paths to explore the Ed-Fi Data Standard further.

## Learning More

See the following links to learn more about the Ed-Fi Data Standard:

- The [Ed-Fi Data Standard: Developers' Guide](#) contains a conceptual overview, how-to information, and example walkthroughs for working with the XML Data Exchange Framework.
- The [Data Handbook for the Ed-Fi Core XML Schema](#) is an online resource that makes it easy to explore the overall data model.
- The Ed-Fi Data Standard is the foundation for several additional technology components, including a student performance dashboard, an operational data store, and more. See the [Ed-Fi Technical Documentation](#) home page for more information on technology that's free to license and download.
- For more information about the Ed-Fi Alliance, see [www.ed-fi.org](http://www.ed-fi.org).

## Additional Resources

The following resources provide additional information about the Ed-Fi Data Standard, Ed-Fi technology, tools for viewing and/or using the Data Standard, and about the Ed-Fi Alliance in general:

- Once you've downloaded the XML Data Exchange Framework, you'll want to review the material. To explore the XSD, you can use any of the following common XML Editors:
  - XML Copy Editor (public license), see [sourceforge.net/projects/xml-copy-editor](http://sourceforge.net/projects/xml-copy-editor)
  - XML Notepad (public license), see [xmlnotepad.codeplex.com](http://xmlnotepad.codeplex.com)
  - XMLSpy (paid license), see [www.altova.com/xml-editor](http://www.altova.com/xml-editor)
  - Oxygen (paid license), see [www.oxygenxml.com](http://www.oxygenxml.com)
- The Ed-Fi Data Standard is constantly evolving to meet the needs of the education community. To review current development activity, see the Ed-Fi Issue Tracker at <https://tracker.ed-fi.org/browse/DATASTD>.

## Getting Started Documentation Contents

Find out more about how to get started with Ed-Fi Data Standard v2.0: