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67-33-01-01. Definitions.

1. "State-approved list", for purposes of this chapter, means a list of vendors who administer interim assessments and meet the selection and approval criteria created by the superintendent of public instruction.
2. "Interim assessment" means assessments administered during instruction to evaluate students' knowledge and skills relative to North Dakota educational content standards to inform policymaker or educator decisions at the classroom, school, or district level.

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67-33-01-02. Selection and approval criteria.

Any interim assessment vendor serving public school districts must meet the following criteria to be selected as a state-approved interim assessment vendor and placed on the state-approved interim assessment list. It is a shared responsibility between the interim assessment vendor and the school district to ensure that all kindergarten through tenth grade interim assessment data are being shared with the statewide longitudinal data system.

1. Interim assessment vendors must electronically share assessment data with the statewide longitudinal data system within thirty days of administering the assessments and in a format compatible with the statewide longitudinal data system. Interim assessment data sharing can occur in two different ways:
 - a. The vendor shares a statewide file with the state for use in the statewide longitudinal data system that consists of all school districts in the state that they serve. The data-sharing agreement would allow access to that school district's portion of the state file.
 - b. The vendor shares individual school district files with the state for use in the statewide longitudinal data system.
2. Interim assessment vendors must disclose if any large-scale student data breaches, related to their interim assessment products, have taken place in the previous three years. If there has been a large-scale data breach in the previous three years, the interim assessment vendor must explain the severity, number of students involved, and if any North Dakota schools or students were involved.
3. The interim assessment vendor must adhere to all state and federal student data privacy laws.

4. Interim assessment vendors must make training and support available to school districts on how to administer interim assessments.
5. Interim assessment vendors must publicly share their process and timeline to update and improve their interim assessment. Information to be shared includes a psychometric review for validity and reliability, by the vendor or outside evaluator, in relation to the North Dakota educational content standards.

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67-33-01-03. Selection and approval process.

Data-sharing agreements between the school district, vendor, and statewide longitudinal data system must be in place. This must occur to ensure compliance with subsection 4 of North Dakota Century Code section 15.1-21-17.1. It is the responsibility of the school district to ensure an updated data-sharing agreement is in place. An interim assessment vendor must follow the process described in this section to be considered for placement on the state-approved list:

1. Contact the North Dakota department of public instruction to retrieve the approval form that interim assessment vendors must complete. This approval form will also be available on the department's website.
2. Complete the approval form. The approval form will:
 - a. Include assurances for items listed under section 67-33-01-02.
 - b. Require a signature from someone with vendor signature authority.
 - c. Require contact information to be shared with the department.
3. Submit the approval form via the instructions on the form itself. The department of public instruction will then review the approval form and inform the vendor of its status within thirty days.

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67-33-01-04. List creation, maintenance, and tracking.

When interim assessment vendors are approved they will be added to the state-approved interim assessment list. The list will be created and maintained by the department of public instruction and will be available on the department's website and available to be shared upon request. The superintendent of public instruction has the authority to remove vendors if they are not in compliance with the criteria in this chapter. The department of public instruction and the North Dakota information technology department will work together to track school districts and interim assessment vendors who are and are not in compliance with this chapter. The state will provide feedback to the interim assessment vendors about data-sharing agreements and the usefulness of the interim assessment data. If data are found to be of little value or low quality, the superintendent of public instruction has the authority to remove vendors from the list.

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