

A Summary of the Louisiana Secure ID system and training

Act 837, a bill passed by the Louisiana legislature, provides for limitations and prohibitions on the *collection and sharing of student information*. The intent of the law is to protect the student privacy. The specific requirements include:

- Prohibits LEAs from requiring the collection of non-academic data about students such as political affiliation and religious practices.
- Permits LEAs to share personally identifiable information about students with external entities after **June 1, 2015** as long as the data sharing meets one of the law's limited exceptions:
 - The parent has given written consent to share that information.
 - A person authorized by the state to audit processes, including student enrollment counts.
 - LEAs contract for student and other education services that include specific terms outlined in the law.
- Requires the Louisiana Department of Education to create a system of unique student identification numbers by **May 1, 2015**. The unique student identifiers must not include or be based on social security numbers, and students must retain their unique identifier throughout their tenure in Louisiana public schools. LEAs must be assign the unique student identification numbers to all students enrolled in public schools by **June 1, 2015**.
- Prohibits anyone from accessing student information that is stored by schools or LEAs except authorized stakeholders.
- Requires LEAs to gather parental consent annually for sharing PII with the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance and postsecondary institutions through Board of Regents for purposes of financial aid and college admission.

With input from LEAs, the Louisiana Department of Education selected eScholar as the recipient of this award and released a file format for the unique student identifier system that LEAs should use to modify their local systems and generate the required information.

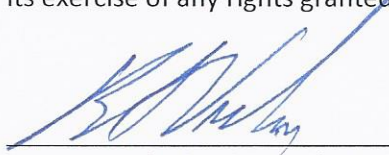
EdGear was provided with file formats to import into the eScholar Louisiana Secure ID system and to export data from it to be imported into Jpams/JCampus.

LDOE scheduled training sessions in several regions across the state for SIS data coordinators to learn how to use this system. LDOE has provided data from SIS to eScholar to start the process of assigning unique IDs to each student in Louisiana.

Each district has to have a data sharing agreement signed by the school board's authorized representative. A copy of the signed data agreement must be given to eScholar for their records.

**ADDENDUM TO DATA SHARING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LOUISIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION AND eScholar**

The City of Monroe School Board (School Board) hereby executes, through its authorized representative, this addendum to the data sharing agreement between the Louisiana State Department of Education and **eScholar** (the Agreement) in order to invoke the stipulation contained in the Agreement which, upon unilateral execution of this addendum by School Board, binds **eScholar** to all the terms and conditions of the Agreement with respect to any and all student data provided directly to **eScholar**. Nothing herein shall in any way affect or prejudice the Louisiana Department of Education in its exercise of any rights granted to it under the Agreement.



Signature of School Board's Authorized Representative

Brent A. Vidrine, Ed.D.

Printed Name of School Board's Authorized Representative

June 16, 2015

Date