

## MarketScope for K-12 Student Information Systems in the U.S.

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Student Information Systems (SISs) are being adopted by school districts to organize student data and distribute data to internal and external stakeholders. The K-12 market favors Web-based solutions that integrate seamlessly into existing systems in their particular schools and districts. Gartner Researcher, Bill Rust, evaluates eight SIS solutions that have at least 20 of the 500 largest public school districts in the U.S. as clients, or have at least one statewide implementation. These include the vendors: Century Consultants (Star\_Base), Harris (SchoolMax), Infinite Campus (Infinite Campus), Pearson (Chancery SMS), Pearson (PowerSchool), Skyways (PaC Student Management System), SunGard Public Sector K-12 Education (eSchool Plus), and The Administrative Assistants Ltd. (eSIS).

In evaluating the eight SIS solutions, the following evaluation criteria were used:

- Market understanding of K-12 wants and needs
- Product development and delivery
- Core goods and services offered
- Sales support and pricing
- Overall viability of the vendor
- Customer experience

Overall, the SIS solution that is selected by a school district should:

- Not be an updated version of current practices, but be based on current and future needs
- Provide internal and external stakeholders access to data
- Have proven successful in another district of similar demographics
- Come from a vendor that understands the K-12 market and provides continued support

The complete article rates the eight SIS solutions and provides detailed explanations of each using the above criteria.

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