

Personally Identifiable Information (PII)

Entering student data into ibestt

When schools use ibestt, a representative from the school district signs an ibestt data sharing agreement, which is an acknowledgment by the district that the schools' use of the web application involves entering student information, stored on secure servers at the University of Washington and not on local computers in the district. This web application use is similar to other data systems that some districts use for coordinating and tracking student academic or behavioral data.

With respect to the *Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974* (FERPA), which protects the privacy of student educational records, the ibestt use of Personally Identifiable Information (PII), or information about individual-student behavior supports, falls under the PII consent exception listed in 34 C.F.R. 99.31, specifically ((a)(1)(i)(B)) and possibly ((a)(6)(i)(C)), and therefore would not require obtaining parental consent in order for school teams to use the ibestt web application. Typically, school districts do obtain parental consent when conducting behavioral assessment and planning, and this should occur whether or not schools use the ibestt web application to guide and coordinate the implementation of team-based student supports.

Representatives of the University of Washington's Project ibestt are glad to complete a district's student-data privacy, or non-disclosure agreement, as a condition of schools' use of ibestt. This document would indicate how the University of Washington Project ibestt team will take steps to secure the student data and to keep these data confidential.