

ALABAMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ADOPTS STI'S WEB-BASED HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

InformationNOW*Health* implemented in all districts through the state's student information system, also provided by STI, to help school health professionals ensure a high standard of care

MOBILE, ALA. (June 29, 2011) – The Alabama State Department of Education has selected InformationNOW*Health*, a comprehensive health record system from STI.

InformationNOW*Health* will enable every school health professional in the state to quickly access the critical information needed to provide students with high-quality care. InformationNOW*Health* was rolled out during the 2010-11 school year to districts statewide as an integrated module within *InformationNOW*, the company's Web-based student information system that is used throughout the Alabama public school system.

School nurses play a crucial role in the provision of comprehensive health services to children. The growing number of children entering school with chronic health conditions, the overwhelming amount of healthcare paperwork, and shrinking school budgets and staff leaves limited time and resources to provide students with the quality of care they deserve. InformationNOW*Health* will help school health professionals access information anytime, anywhere to address the critical needs of students, and administer health services more efficiently and effectively.

“The Alabama State Department of Education, School Health Services, as well as K-12 public school nurses, are delighted to have InformationNOW*Health*,” said State School Nurse Consultant Sherry D. Marbury, DNP, RN, CCRC. “One of the major priorities for the state was to develop and maintain a comprehensive health record system that would manage every aspect of student-related health data and information. STI worked closely with us to fill that need through a user-friendly, powerful tool that allows for in-depth reporting and analysis of health information.”

With InformationNOW*Health*, schools can record and update student health information easily. The system tracks allergies, medications administered, immunizations, annual physical exams and screenings, nurse visitations, referrals, accidents, and more. Since InformationNOW*Health* is integrated with *InformationNOW*, student information such as demographic data, emergency contacts, parent/guardian information, and attendance and discipline records, are automatically accessible to save time and ensure reliability of data.

The state of Alabama partners with STI as a single-source solution for its K-12 education data management needs. The outcome of this partnership is improved data accuracy and analysis, and informed, data-driven decisions that support and enhance student performance. Using one student information system across the state enables administrators to streamline and standardize data collection to minimize redundancy and errors, as well as to provide efficient, timely reporting from the classroom up to the state level.

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InformationNOW is a sophisticated, Web-based student information system that provides a complete solution for student data collection, analysis, and reporting. This system is accessible through a customizable portal for each user, such as administrators, teachers, parents, and school health professionals. The system is based on best practices STI has developed over 25 years of experience in education data management, while also taking advantage of the latest technology. *InformationNOW*'s unique student identifier allows every school and district in the state and the Alabama State Department of Education to track a student continually throughout his/her entire school career. In addition, *InformationNOW*, which is SIF-compliant, links students to data elements and information that is often outside the scope of typical student information systems. The system is simple to use, so users can find the information they need quickly, and obtain reports that are meaningful and easy to understand.

The Alabama State Department of Education has met all 10 Essential Elements identified by the [Data Quality Campaign](#) for the successful development of a longitudinal data system, which tracks students from the time they begin school through graduation. This distinction has been met by 24 other states. Meeting these requirements ensures the state has the capacity to answer key policy questions and obtain information critical for education reform.

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About STI

STI is a leading provider of Education Data Management solutions to the K-12 public and private school market. STI's fully integrated suite of Web-based products addresses attendance, scheduling, discipline, grade reporting, state reporting, financial management, student health, parent/teacher communications, special education, formative assessment, and data mining. Additionally, STI offers a comprehensive program of professional development services to help administrators and teachers with school improvement initiatives such as developing data-driven response-to-intervention and formative assessment programs. More than 6,000 schools in 50 states and several countries use STI solutions. The company was founded in 1982 and is headquartered in Mobile, Ala. For more information, phone 800-844-0884 or visit www.sti-k12.com.

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