

How Does Your SIS Score?

Not all K-12 student information systems are equal. And since your SIS serves as the heart of your digital ecosystem, it's critical to look beyond skin-deep functionality.

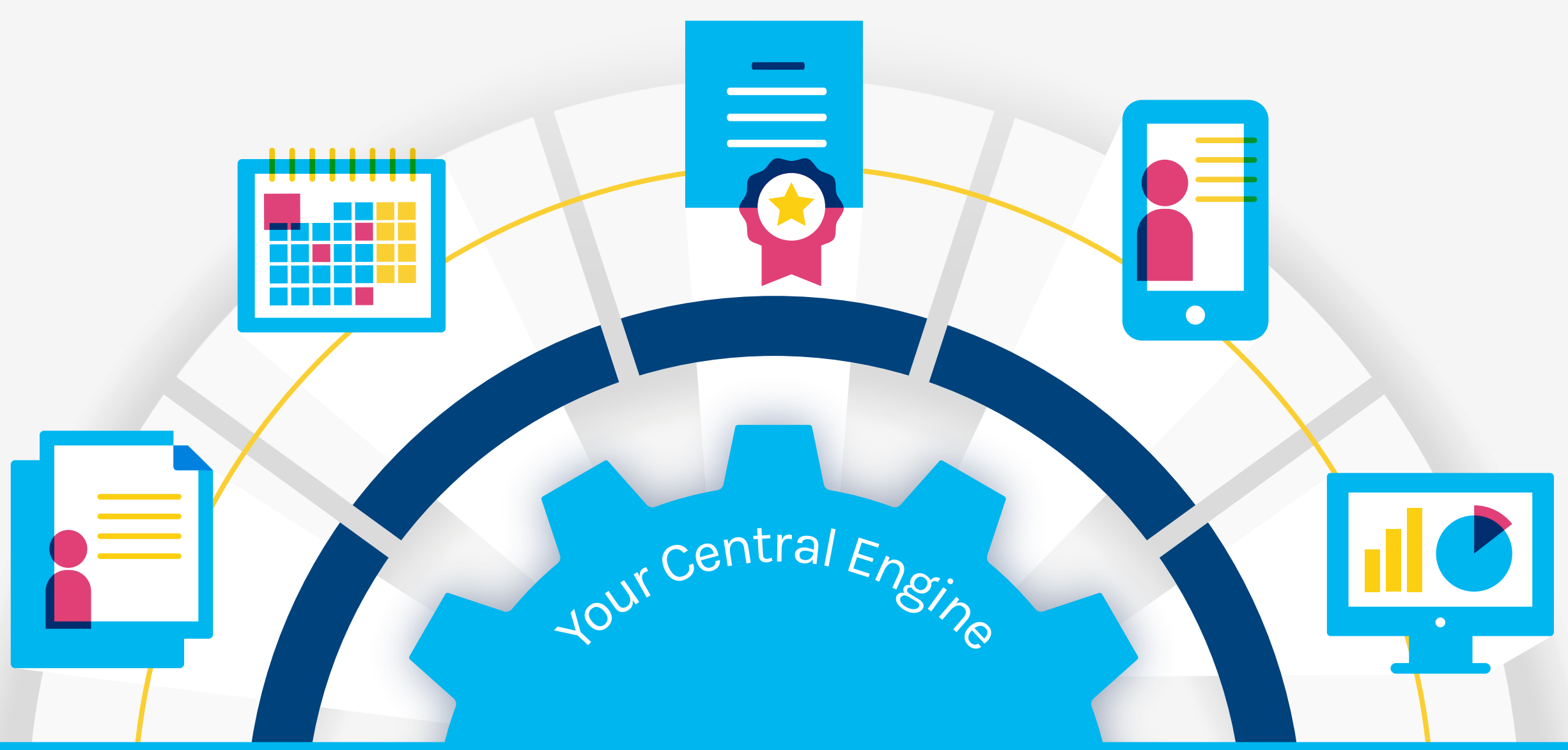
Most SIS's maintain the basics like your student data, scheduling, attendance, and gradebook. But not all prepare you to succeed into the future. For that, you really need to look at deeper functionality—like how well your SIS supports your changing needs, compliance requirements, student data protection, interoperability with other products, parent engagement, and more.

74%
of K-12 districts use more than 26 different edtech products¹

Cybersecurity is the **#1 technology priority** for IT leaders²

Only **33%** of parents say they have **regular access** to their child's teacher(s)³

The SIS's **integration and interoperability capabilities** continue to play a **critical role in decision making**⁴



Is Your SIS Built for Your Changing Needs? Put it to the test.

Consider the following categories that your SIS should handle well. In each section, which of the bubbles best describes your SIS capabilities?

What Gartner says about choosing an SIS:

Ensure maximum value and longevity from the SIS by looking for strong mobile and social functionality, improved parent and student portals, interoperability capabilities, analytics, and cloud delivery options.⁴

Category	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
DATA SECURITY	We've been hacked before or had a threat	Our data may be at risk and I worry often	Data is stored securely, but it's a concern	SIS is built securely, protected against threats
EASE OF USE	Multiple logins required	Multiple screens to access needed data	Data is mostly consolidated, and we get by	One login, all info we need is in one place
DATA STORAGE & SYSTEM MAINTENANCE	We're self-hosted with high maintenance	Self-hosted, but maintenance/downtime is under control	Cloud-hosted with adequate vendor support	Cloud-hosted by leading vendor, excellent support
COMPLIANCE	Reporting is challenging, on our own	Inflexible reporting tools	Accurate/timely reporting, but complicated	Simple, customizable, accurate reporting (with support!)
INTEROPERABILITY	SIS operates isolated from our other products	We use patchy workarounds	Compatible with some products (IT/vendor assistance)	Interoperable with wide range of edtech products
ADAPTABILITY & FLEXIBILITY	What we have... is what we have	Can add a custom page, but with limitations	Can modify some pages (vendor assistance, for a fee)	Can create custom, interactive reports from any data
SUPPORT	We're basically on our own, unless it's something critical	Our SIS support has limited hours and channels	We have dawn-to-dusk support (but canned responses)	Dawn-to-dusk support, multiple convenient channels
USER COMMUNITY	We don't really connect with any other product users	Connect with users, but it doesn't really help much	Go to user events, but don't see any ROI	Collaborate with community of active, passionate users
FAMILY ENGAGEMENT	Parents unaware of their students' performance	Parents have a portal login and can see grades	We have a mobile app and parent portal	Mobile app, parent portal, notifications, email

More selections on the left side? It may be time for an SIS upgrade

Find out more about how to choose the right SIS for your district.

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¹The State of Data Interoperability in Public Education™ Digital Promise, July 2017

²State of Edtech Leadership 2020 Survey Report, CoSN

³*COVID 19 Closures a Redefining Moment for Students, Parents & Schools™ Learning Heroes, Parents 2020, May 20, 2020

⁴Gartner Market Guide for K-12 Student Information Systems, 2019