

Magazine

Helping children to achieve their potential is your job—helping you to be more organized and have more time to do it, is ours.



Spring Cleaning and AOIS

The origins of spring cleaning date back to the Iranian Norouz or Persian New Year which begins on the first day of spring. Iranians still practice “khooneh takouni” which means “shaking the house” during the New Year. During this time, everything in the house is thoroughly cleaned (wikipedia.org).

Now that spring has sprung, let AOIS help with your cleaning. Electronically storing your documents in an off-site location reduces the risk of damage or loss to your information and frees up much needed office space. Some of our clients have over ten years of documentation stored in AOIS!

Not only can AOIS help with your spring cleaning activities, but here are some other key features:

- Enhanced tracking of school performance
- Consistent compliance enforcement
- Daily account of school’s compliance status

If you are ready to begin your spring cleaning and put all that paperwork into a safe and more efficient location, then contact Meghann Murphy at (616) 988-3215. Let AOIS make your spring cleaning faster and easier today.

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Make this the year that you “get it under control!”

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- How many times have you heard State politicians call for “more charter school oversight”? It’s easy to continually call for more oversight—it’s much harder to prove your actions are consistent, measured and applied equally to all schools. If you want to start your next school year firmly in control of a proven oversight program that documents every compliance action, provides an easy-to-use user interface and has been audited by multiple State Auditor Generals and declared a “Gold Standard” call us now.

FSU's Four Year AOIS Journey

Ferris State University Charter Schools Office went from a very cumbersome and duplicative system to a fully automated system—AOIS. At first, they experienced resistance from some of their academies' school leaders and Educational Service Providers. However, after using the system there was a realization that the system is effective and efficient for all.

The 7 Day Advanced Notification is one of Ferris's favorite features of AOIS. The system sends out an email notification to the selected user 7 days before a document is due providing the user with an extra reminder before the document due date. Ferris is no longer dealing with the 3 ring binders and overflowing documentation from their academies. All of the academies documents are easy to find and available electronically from anywhere anytime 24/7.

AOIS also assures that each Ferris

academy complies with all state and federal regulations as well as their contract with the University Charter School Office.

At the end of each school year Ferris holds an award ceremony for their academies. The percentage of documents that the academies submit on time to AOIS plays a very big role in disbursing the awards. The monetary award presented to the academies is based on their "on time" percentage at the end of the year. AOIS automatically calculates the "on time" percentage for each of their academies. This gives the academies additional motivation to be in compliance at all times.

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FSUCSO Staff

New Document Submission Dashboard!

This month we will be launching the new Document Submission Tool dashboard in AOIS. Through this new dashboard, schools will be able to electronically submit documents, instantaneously, to AOIS via the internet, and receive confirmation of their receipt from AOIS. Many training resources will be provided including a DST guide, help page and audio training session.

DST eliminates the need for a document control sheet thereby saving schools preparation time. Since DST uses 100% electronic documents, the overall document search capability is improved for all AOIS users. We hope you find this tool easy to use and one step closer to achieving our mutual vision and mission of streamlining the compliance process for authorizers and public charter school academies.

Compliance

AOIS tracks the compliance status of each school authorized, and reports this instantly in a graphical interface that is easy to use.

Electronic Filing

AOIS is also an electronic filing system, so every document associated with schools is immediately available and can be accessed from any location.

Workflow

AOIS also incorporates a workflow system that informs employees when it is time to perform a specific task, and flows documents from employee to employee electronically, ensuring the work is done consistently among all schools.

Performance

Aois also includes a performance module that tracks and reports student and school achievement.

Why AOIS?

Look for AOIS Representatives at this upcoming Event!

8th Annual National Charter Schools Conference

We will be attending the 2008 NCSC being held June 22-25 in New Orleans. Our representatives will be showcasing AOIS to Authorizers, EMO's and State Departments of Education who charter schools directly. For those attending the conference, plan on stopping by booth #1111 located next to the Model Classroom Exhibit Centerpiece.

If you schedule a demonstration with Meghann Murphy prior to the conference, we will send a Paul Prudhome New Orleans cookbook to you directly from Amazon.com after the conference. We look forward to meeting the attendees and showing the charter school community how AOIS can help to provide resources to achieve academic excellence.

AOIS user quotes

Recently we called some of our customers to ask why they bought AOIS in the first place:

"Compliance was taking more and more of our time, becoming very cumbersome. My supervisor was at a NACSA conference and saw the demo and really saw the power of streamlining the compliance work."

"The amount of paperwork storage required for comprehensive oversight was beginning to become a problem."

"We saw a demonstration at the NACSA conference back in 2002, and it looked like it had some potential for us. At the time, we were using 3-ring binders for all of our documentation. All relevant compliance materials were maintained at both the academy and at the Charter School Office (CSO) which necessitated duplication of copies."

"My organization chose AOIS because of the ability to customize the tool and because we'd asked actual schools who used it what they thought and they said it was a valuable addition to their operation."



"High Technology isn't about software or hardware, but about brains and people."

James Clark, co-founder of Netscape, Inc.

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