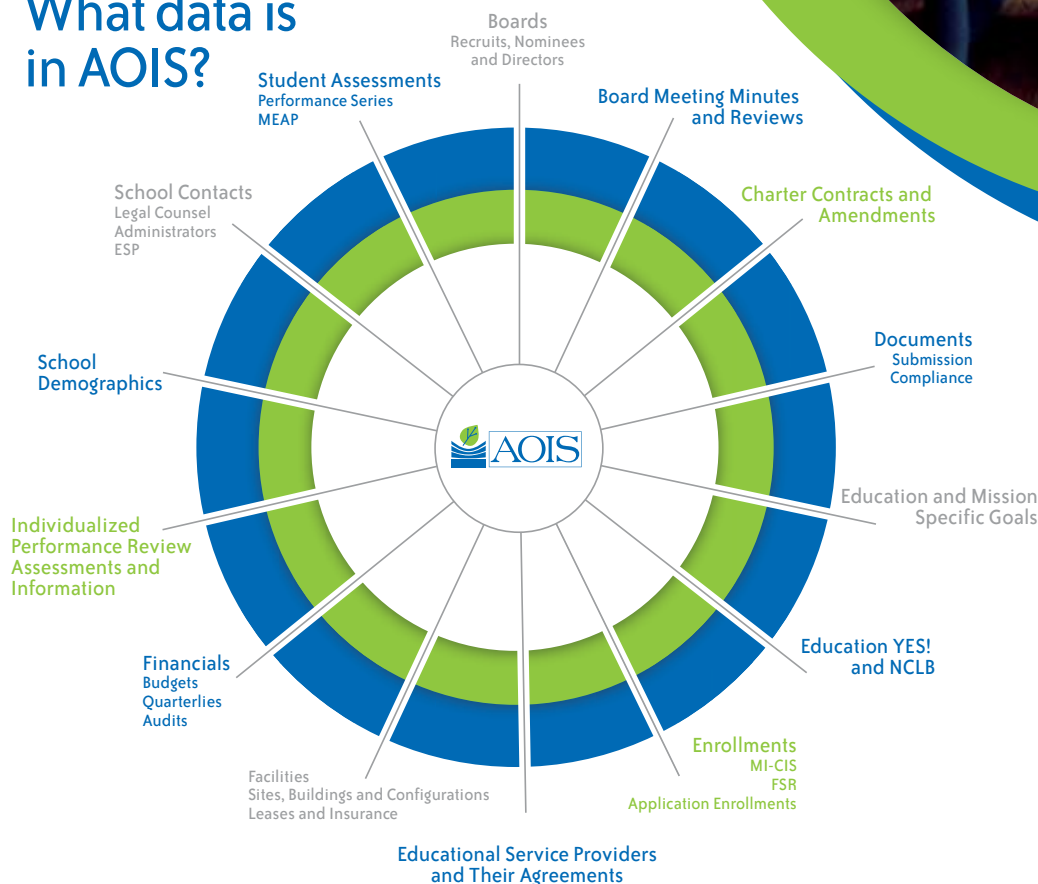


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Helping children to achieve their potential is your job—helping you to be more organized and have more time to do it, is ours.



## What data is in AOIS?



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**Make this the year that you "get it under control!"** 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.

# Transformations at ESCFC

Educational Service Center of Franklin County (ESCFC) implemented AOIS in August of 2008. ESCFC began as a one person operation in terms of charter school oversight. Hiring additional staff was not an option but they knew they needed additional help in monitoring and tracking their schools. AOIS became an affordable alternative. AOIS forced ESCFC to develop a master calendar of requirements as well as a description of each document for their schools.

ESCFC schools like the systematic approach, the 7 day 'ticker' especially helps schools when trying to fulfill their requirement with ESCFC. Dave Mancini, the Coordinator of Community Schools at ESCFC states, "AOIS is a lifesaver in tracking our school's compliance. Not only does AOIS track document requirements, but adding new documents, deleting outdated documents, modifying existing documents, and no longer requiring a paper archiving system are some of the best features of AOIS."

The Educational Service Center of Franklin County is currently in the process of some new and exciting transformations. The ESCFC and the Delaware-Union Educational Service Center will be merging and creating the new Educational Service Center of Central Ohio. The merger will take effect on January 1, 2009.

The merger will strengthen and increase services for the districts in Delaware, Franklin, and Union counties. The ultimate goal will be to continue to stay focused on the children's needs and at the same time provide the districts what they require to improve education. The ESC of Central Ohio will serve 25 school districts in the three counties, totaling an enrollment of about 205,000 students.



## 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?



## Fordham's 07-08 Accountability Report

On November 19, 2008, the Thomas B. Fordham Institute published their yearly Accountability Report for 2007-2008 called "Climbing to Quality." This report provides a recap of Fordham's sponsorship practices and provides detailed information about their sponsored schools academic and compliance information. Fordham devotes its resources to creating this annual report because it strongly believes in sharing their lessons learned as a sponsor and helping others understand the complexity of charter schools.

Fordham uses AOIS as a resource to execute its compliance oversight responsibilities in addition to annual site visits and frequent communication with the school's leaders. The following paragraph was included in their report within the School Evaluation Site Visits section:

"Fordham conducts two compliance visits per year while classes are in session to each sponsored school. Beginning in 2007, the focus of these visits shifted from gauging regulatory compliance to evaluating the delivery of schools' academic programs. This shift was facilitated by Fordham's automated compliance system, AOIS, that houses the majority of the documentation that makes up what was formerly the compliance component of the site visit. Fordham appreciates that school staff time is valuable and believes that site visit time is better spent conducting classroom observations, interacting with staff and meeting with the school leaders, rather than checking documents."

To view the full report, select the link below:

[http://edexcellence.net/detail/news.cfm?news\\_id=739&id=130](http://edexcellence.net/detail/news.cfm?news_id=739&id=130)

Other Interesting Things Happening at CC

## Corporate Computer's New Year Resolutions

As another year comes to an end and a new year approaches, most of us are thinking of new resolutions and ways we can improve our lives. Corporate Computer has done something similar by developing a new list of goals and actions we will take to achieve these goals in 2009. A significant goal that we carry over from year to year is continuing to build relationships with our clients and working on building new relationships. It is imperative that we explore new ideas for improving your lives as we continue to grow together. This is one major goal that we will take action on and plan to achieve in the upcoming year, so please stay tuned for some exciting new ventures we plan to announce. We appreciate all of the relationships we have developed and look forward to serving you in 2009!



## New AOIS Handbooks

Many new features and applications have been added to AOIS in 2008 so we are currently updating our AOIS User and Administrator Handbooks. The new guides will be available in January 2009. An electronic copy will be sent to all current AOIS Users and Administrators.

Make sure to look for the new guide in your mailbox!

If you have any questions regarding AOIS training resources, please contact our AOIS Manager, Stephanie Misner at [smisner@corpcomp.com](mailto:smisner@corpcomp.com) or call (616) 988-3200.



## Corporate Computer Supports Children's Hospital Foundations

The Helen DeVos Children's Hospital is located in Grand Rapids, Michigan and cares for children from birth through age 18. More than 7,300 inpatients from a 37 county region receive care annually. This includes babies in one of the nation's largest neonatal centers.

We are proud to have worked with the hospital during the past three years to raise money for a new facility. It will have 14 floors, 440,000 square feet and will have 197 private rooms. Opening in 2010 it will have dedicated pediatric operating rooms, pediatric emergency department and a pediatric radiology imaging center.



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