

FTC Orders 10 Years of Security Audits After Illuminate Education's Breach of 10.1 Million Students' Data

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Quality score: 7/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

The FTC's final order (5 June 2026) found K-12 software vendor Illuminate Education failed to secure data on 10.1 million students after a 2021-22 breach, and now requires biennial third-party security audits for 10 years plus data-minimisation and retention limits.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of learning impact	0/3
Equity & inclusion	0/3
Transparency, ethics & data protection	0/3
Teacher capability & pedagogy	0/3
Scalability & sustainability	1/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-06

[U.S. Federal Trade Commission / Illuminate Education, Inc.](#) — accessed 2026-09-06

[FTC case page](#) — accessed 2026-09-06

[Alston & Bird Privacy Blog](#) — accessed 2026-09-06

[Akin Gump](#) — accessed 2026-09-06

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