



Alma and Canvas Partner to Make Data Flow Faster, Easier and More Accurate and Secure

K-12 schools and districts can use Alma's SIS with the Canvas LMS seamlessly to reduce staff frustration and foster timely, effective data-driven decisioning

PORTLAND, Ore. (Nov. 15, 2017) – Interoperability among education software is essential to support best practices in teaching and learning, but it must stem from the student information system (SIS) to ensure data quality, security and efficiency. Offering schools and districts greater interoperability than ever before, [Alma Technologies, Inc.](#) has integrated its award-winning student information system (SIS) with Canvas by Instructure, a leading learning management system (LMS).

Double data entry and data redundancy are the biggest complaints educators have in working with multiple systems that don't "talk" to one another. Additionally, most data fields and entries don't map well from one system to another, or they don't accurately reflect the reality in schools. For example, a student having more than two parents often isn't captured in many data systems. Alma has spent considerable time and resources on getting it right and providing close integrations with other applications, particularly since the SIS needs to be the central hub for two-way information flow. Canvas is another example of Alma's efforts to enhance interoperability for schools and districts.

The tightly integrated solution between Alma and Canvas enables customers to pass information back and forth between systems in real-time while ensuring accuracy, accessibility, security and privacy of student data. The ability to automatically sync class rosters and course information from Alma to Canvas and populate assignments and grades from Canvas to Alma with fidelity are just two of the ways that schools and districts benefit. Unlike most SIS software, Alma imports every grade--of each assignment, not just cumulative--from Canvas into its gradebook. Alma handles all of the integration, reducing the workload for district IT staff.

"We've built the tools and processes to make integration and interoperability as smooth and as painless as possible between our SIS and other education systems and applications, like the LMS, to ensure they work seamlessly together," said Alma CEO and Co-Founder Andrew Herman. "The integration with Canvas is another element in the way we are reimagining the SIS for the modern school – one that is more reliable, robust and easy-to-use than educators, students and parents are accustomed to using."

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Alma empowers K-12 learning communities with better tools for today's challenges and tomorrow's opportunities as they evolve and grow. The SIS offers information visualization to encourage data-driven decisioning and progressive educational tools to enable a shift to best classroom practices, all via an interface that increases usage and adoption.

"Alma is a rising leader in the K-12 education technology market, and we are excited our current and future customers have the opportunity to quickly integrate with this exemplary SIS," said Melissa Loble, vice president of professional services and partnerships.

About Alma Technologies, Inc.

Alma is committed to transforming K-12 data into insight. Supplanting traditional student information and learning management systems with a modern platform, Alma unites student and learning data into an integrated, intuitive experience that empowers educators with increased visibility for data-driven decisions. The modern design positions schools for progressive education strategies and models, while simultaneously recovering lost time and expense spread across multiple, disparate vendors.

Alma provides a flexible, scalable solution that can work for any school and any budget. To learn more about Alma and its features, or to request a demo, visit www.GetAlma.com or contact @GetAlma.

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