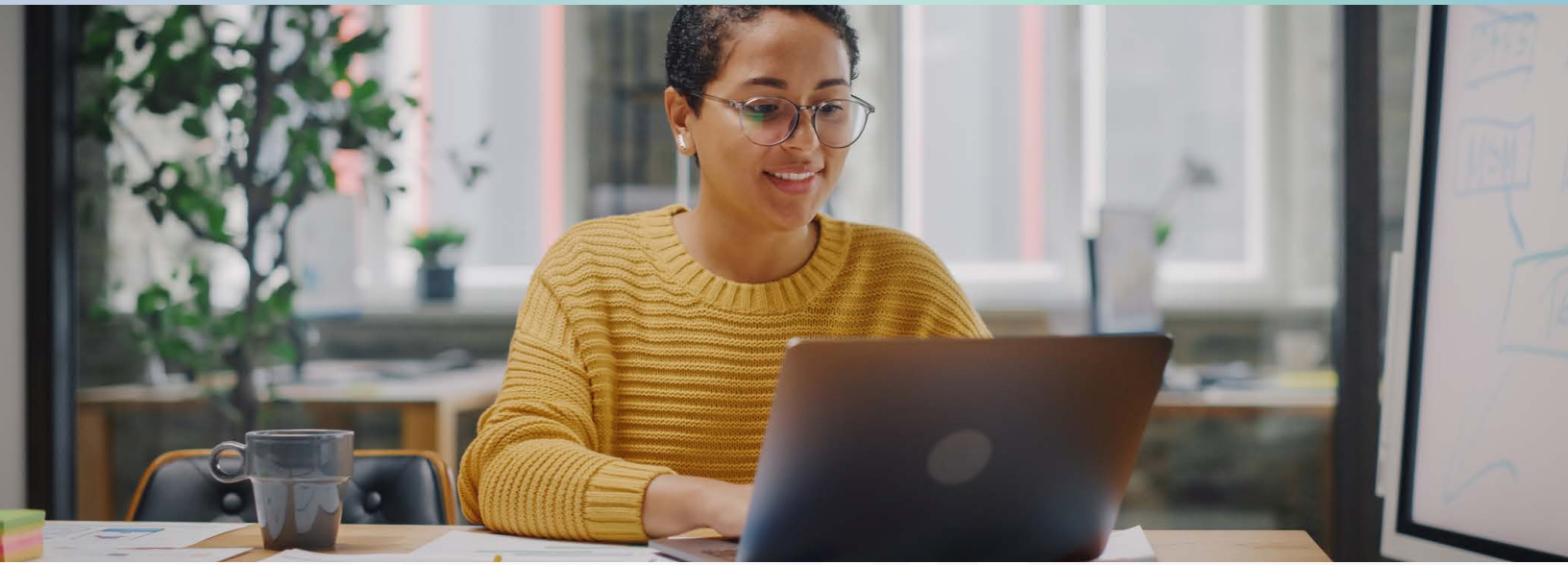




What to Look for in an AI Tool

You might not be choosing the tools your district uses—but you are the one using them. This checklist helps you understand what to look for in AI-powered tools that actually support teaching and learning.

Whether you're getting started with [Class Companion](#), exploring [Panorama Solara](#), or just curious about how AI can help, use this guide to better understand what makes an AI tool safe, effective, and classroom-ready.

Panorama Solara is a customizable, district-managed AI platform built to drive outcomes for students and educators across academics, personalized instruction, and student support. Designed specifically for K–12, Solara is built on a foundation of rigorous security and privacy protections. Solara draws from your high-quality instructional materials and data—including academics, behavior, attendance, and life skills—so you know it understands your students, processes, and goals.

With Solara Chat, educators can quickly complete daily tasks like creating intervention plans or drafting family letters. And with Solara Tools, districts can customize AI-powered applications to address specific challenges and use cases—from chronic absenteeism to literacy to special education—grounded in local policies, standards, and programs.

Solara with Class Companion brings a first-of-its-kind product that brings personalized AI into the classroom, helping teachers create differentiated assignments in minutes and giving students instant, rubric-aligned feedback that drives real growth. With Class Companion, teachers can spark deeper student engagement and support stronger learning outcomes.

Features & Functionality

What to Look For	Why It Matters
Built for K–12	Tools designed specifically for K–12 are more likely to align with student needs, grade levels, and district workflows.
Aligned to State/National Standards	Supports standards-aligned instruction and feedback across ELA and math.
Ability to Leverage Student Data	Platforms that securely connect with your district’s document, SIS, and data can provide AI-powered insights at the student level and enable educators to provide personalized supports.
Real-Time Feedback on Student Work	Students can receive instant, AI-powered feedback—boosting learning while saving teachers time.
AI Tutoring & Support	Ensures just-in-time help is available to students during assignments
MTSS Integration	Surfaces early warning indicators, recommends interventions, and helps educators create plans—all within your MTSS workflows.

Safety, Compliance & Privacy

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FERPA, COPPA & State Compliance	Student data privacy is non-negotiable. Your AI platform must meet key compliance requirements and offer documentation to support district reviews.
Secure Data Practices	Data stays within your district. Ensure your platform never sells or shares student information with third parties.
Concerning Input Alerts	A platform that flags and reports inappropriate or concerning student input helps keep students safe and supported.
AI Use Monitoring	Districts can see how educators and students are using AI tools and adjust permissions and settings accordingly.

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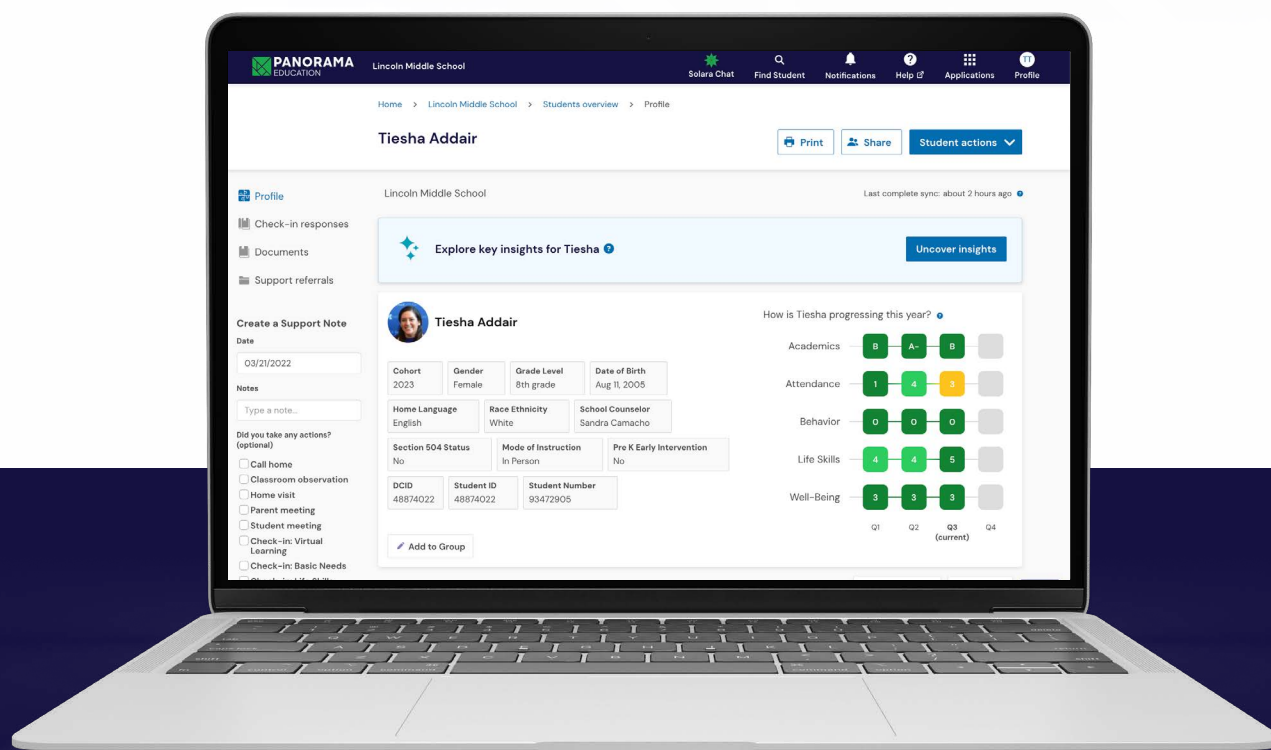
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Implementation & Support

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Professional Development & Onboarding	Educators need support to feel confident using AI tools. Choose a partner who offers PD, workshops, and asynchronous resources.
Ongoing Support	Ensure users get responsive, real-time support from a dedicated team.

About Panorama Education

Panorama Education is a leading education technology company that partners with K-12 schools and districts to help students succeed in the classroom and beyond. Founded in 2012, Panorama is the partner of choice for districts that want to implement AI safely and securely, elevate academic performance, improve attendance and behavior, and prepare students for graduation and life after school. Panorama's secure, research-backed software for AI, student support, and community voice and engagement provides educators with a unified view and actionable insights across academics, attendance, behavior, and well-being. Through professional development and hands-on support, Panorama helps districts achieve their goals and deliver lasting impact. Today, Panorama supports 15 million students in 25,000 schools and 2,000 districts nationwide.



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