

INDEX'S Automated Data Processes

The Independent School Data Exchange engaged Osprey to design and build a secure, web-based system that automates the entire process of data collection, distribution and reporting for a network of hundreds of private schools.

INDEX is a member-driven, not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing data, analysis and research to independent schools, to aid them in decision-making, policy development and strategic planning.



The information INDEX provides allows its member schools to evaluate their current performance in comparison with other schools, to identify emerging trends, and to study and evaluate educational patterns and financial best practices.

Osprey created a secure web-based system that automated the entire process of data collection and reporting for INDEX and its member schools.

Member schools contribute data through an intuitive online process. The process itself, as well as the online forms it uses can be easily updated as needed.

Member schools can access up-to-date reports at any time, reports which they can then customize for their own purposes by entering values for various parameters. Access to data is based on member users' login credentials, eliminating the risk of inappropriate sharing of proprietary data.

The new system is so easy to use that it has encouraged more users at INDEX and member schools to participate in the data analysis process.

The reports generated by the new system are also used as the basis for user conference discussions, where INDEX members identify schools with outstanding performance trends so their methods and operating procedures can be shared with other members.