



## K12 SIX Membership Benefits

Since 2016, there have been [more than 1,600 publicly disclosed cyber incidents involving U.S. public schools](#), including ransomware, phishing attacks, and student data breaches. As cyber-attacks against school systems become both more frequent and disruptive, the best way to respond is to collaborate in real-time with your peers in a trusted, K-12-specific information sharing community.

The non-profit K12 Security Information eXchange ([K12 SIX](#)) serves as the nation's K-12 Information Sharing and Analysis Center (ISAC). Founded in 2020 as a subsidiary of the Global Resilience Federation, K12 SIX leverages cross-sector information sharing experience and insights to benefit the K-12 education sector.

Core benefits of K12 SIX membership include:

- **Threat Intelligence:** K12 SIX helps you discover key trends, top threats, and the techniques used by cyber criminals targeting schools—and offers actionable guidance on how to implement pragmatic, cost-effective defenses.
- **Community of Practice:** K12 SIX is the premiere support network for K-12 information security professionals and all other K-12 IT staff tasked with cybersecurity responsibilities.
- **Professional Development:** Join K12 SIX to learn from experts and peers about the skills you need to protect your school community from emerging cybersecurity risks.
- **Technical Assistance:** When you have a question—whether technical or strategic—the K12 SIX staff and community can offer honest, vendor-neutral advice grounded in the lived experience of school practitioners.
- **Cross-Sector Collaboration:** As a member of the Global Resilience Federation, K12 SIX members benefit from cross-sector information sharing and support.

To learn more about K12 SIX member benefits—including to apply for membership online—visit: <https://www.k12six.org/member-benefits>. K-12 cybersecurity is a team sport. Get your school system off the bench and into the game by joining K12 SIX today!

### Raising the Bar Through Collective Defense

*“No K–12 institution is an island. Information sharing and collaboration with peers and partners is essential to build awareness and sustain resilience. K–12 entities should participate in an information sharing forum such as the ... K12 Security Information eXchange (K12 SIX).”*

— [“Protecting Our Future: Partnering to Safeguard K-12 Organizations from Cybersecurity Threats,”](#) U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), January 2023