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New Trend! Single Schools Using AOIS

AOIS stands for "Authorizers Oversight Information System." While AOIS aligns perfectly with an oversight organization's need to monitor charter schools, the tool can also be used by a single school that wants to manage their own internal oversight.

Just like charter school oversight organizations need to monitor one to many schools, an individual school has different departments that have specific documents or reports that they are responsible for producing. Individual schools can enter in departmental requirements and can easily keep track of documents that are missing, late, inaccurate, or incomplete. Being able to stay on top of deadlines and manage reporting is key to achieving efficiency within an office environment, and AOIS can be a powerful and valuable tool for reaching higher levels of efficiency.

Are you guilty of having stacks of paper piled up in your office? Does the pile of papers next to you seem to grow and grow until it eventually falls over? If someone asks you for a report, does it take you more than two minutes to find it? If you said yes to any of these questions, then you have a need for software that can store your reports electronically and keep your information organized and easily accessed.

If you are interested in seeing how AOIS can automate, streamline and electronically manage all of your office reports please contact Meghann Murphy at mmurphy@corpcomp.com.



Corporate Computer provides charter school oversight solutions for Authorizers/Sponsors and Educational Management Organizations nationwide.

AOIS is the leading oversight software and was jointly developed with The Center for Charter Schools at Central Michigan University

New AOIS Feature Added

Some of our larger AOIS clients support over two hundred users at school locations, EMO offices, and the authorizer office. With that many users, there have been times when it's been difficult to not only keep track of those users but also assist them when they have forgotten their password or "locked" their account. Previously when this happened, the user or their technical support staff would have to call our tech support staff to remedy the situation.

We now have a tool that authorizers can request to be included in their AOIS installation. The tool gives an

AOIS Administrator the ability to unlock user accounts and reset passwords. The AOIS Administrator can also see a user's last login attempt, the last successful login, and the last bad password attempt. School and EMO users are supported by this new feature.

If you are interested in handling your own end user password resets, please contact David Schroeter at (616) 988-3222.

2010 NACSA Conference

Corporate Computer will be attending the 2010 NACSA Leadership Conference, October 18-21st in Scottsdale, Arizona. We would like to invite you to attend one of our AOIS Interest Group Breakfasts on Tuesday, October 19th from 7:30AM to 8:30AM or Wednesday, October 20th from 7:30AM to 8:30AM in Maricopa II. If you are interested in attending one of the AOIS Interest Group Breakfasts please RSVP to Meghann Murphy at (616) 988-3215 or mmurphy@corpcomp.com.

We would also like to invite you to our Learning Lab, "Bad Habits into Best Practices," scheduled for Wednesday, October 20th during lunch. Corporate Computer, Inc. has been working in the charter school arena for over 10 years. We have observed many best practices and trends in charter school oversight. During this learning lab, attendees will have the opportunity to hear statistics on certain "bad habits" with tracking document compliance requirements and compare them with the results observed from organizations that have changed their bad habits into best practices. We will also have special guests from the authorizing community who will share their experiences with using technology to transform their oversight activities from a manual to an automated process. You won't want to miss the tips and tricks they discovered along the way and what future plans they have for continuously improving authorizer oversight.

If you would like more information on our NACSA schedule please call (866) 732-3234.



AOIS on an iPad

Want to be able to access AOIS while away from your desk without having to carry around a heavy laptop? Now you can through the use of an iPad. The iPad weighs only 1.5 pounds and is less than 10 inches in height and 8 inches in width. AOIS can be accessed by first downloading a Remote Desktop Protocol (RDP) app from iTunes. We recommend the Wyse PocketCloud Remote Desktop app (\$14.99). After you've installed the app and configured an AOIS connection file, all you have to do is tap on the AOIS icon on the iPad and login! Imagine: the next time you are at a school board meeting and need to know what decisions were made at a previous board meeting, you can now pull out your iPad and bring up the approved minutes in just seconds!

For questions regarding your iPad and AOIS, please contact Corporate Computer by calling (866)732-3234.

Why AOIS?

Compliance

AOIS tracks the compliance status of each school authorized, and reports this instantly in a graphical interface that is easy to use.

Electronic Filing

AOIS is also an electronic filing system, so every document associated with schools is immediately available and can be accessed from any location.

Workflow

AOIS also incorporates a workflow system that informs employees when it is time to perform a specific task, and flows documents from employee to employee electronically, ensuring the work is done consistently among all schools.

Performance

AOIS also includes a performance module that tracks and reports student and school achievement.

Today's websites are often complex and feature a wealth of information. Many people visit commercial websites to get answers to questions as well as learn more about a company and/or a product before taking the next step of contacting them or making a purchase. If a site visitor can't find what they need on a website, the company risks losing opportunities for sales or establishing relationships with the customers.

Corporate Computer has decided to install a site search box on www.aois.us. We believe there are several advantages to installing a site search on our website, not only for our visitors but also for us. We know the site search will help visitors find what they are looking for before moving on to the next site. We hope visitors find this to be a valuable tool when visiting us online.



AOIS Users Speak Out

Kathryn Mullen Upton *Director of Charter School Sponsorship* THOMAS B. FORDHAM FOUNDATION

Why did you buy AOIS?

My organization chose AOIS because of the ability to customize the tool and because we'd asked actual schools who used it what they thought and they said it was a valuable addition to their operation.

What do you like best about using the tool?

The assistance that the Corporate Computer staff provides: they are responsive, always available to help, and are very easy to work with. They have a fast turn-around time with our customization requests. They also communicate well with our staff and with our schools.

Part of our job as an authorizer is to make sure that our schools are in compliance with state regulations. Having AOIS allows us to ask for that information year round, instead of pulling it from the schools each time we need something. Most importantly, the tool lets us significantly shorten our site visits of the schools.

We especially like the fact that the AOIS system can be customized to our own specific uses. For example, the master calendar entries can change during the year based on additions or changes to compliance requirements, and we can access the calendar when we need to and make last minute changes in accordance with new laws.

The 7-day alert system and the archiving features are quite helpful. We also like the ability to run reports on all outstanding documents which we can get in a flash versus digging through yards of paperwork to determine what is missing and what we have.

Most importantly, there are never any problems with AOIS — it is never "down" unless there is scheduled maintenance. The system is available 24/7/365.

What would you tell someone else about the tool?

AOIS is a great value. When you consider how much oversight and compliance efforts are costing you now — not just in money but also in staff time — the AOIS system really is a valuable too.

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