Overview of Steps for a SIS to Certify their Product

1. License Ed-Fi
   a. Online process, more information here: https://www.ed-fi.org/getting-started/license-ed-fi-technology/
   b. Provides the vendor's team with access to source code, documentation, support systems, community benefits
   c. Ed-Fi provides discovery calls and vendor onboarding sessions, and training materials to help ramp up the vendor's team.
2. Join the Ed-Fi Partner Program
   a. This is the first step towards certifying a product to the Ed-Fi data standard and Ed-Fi API. Program provides the vendor with a number of supports, marketing & communications benefits, and roadmap insight/input to grow and amplify the vendor's work toward interoperability.
   b. Sign agreement available by emailing partners@ed-fi.org (or sean.casey@ed-fi.org for any questions)
   c. Nominal annual fee of $3,000 to cover certification cost and program benefits
3. Pursue Ed-Fi certification
   a. Overview here: https://techdocs.ed-fi.org/display/EDFICERT/Ed-Fi+Certification
   b. Process details here: https://techdocs.ed-fi.org/display/EDFICERT/Certification+Process
   c. Ed-Fi will provide the vendor with a sandbox and sample data. Over the course of scheduled meetings the vendor will run specific CRUD types of operations against the API resources described in the process details to demonstrate compliant use of the API and data standard. Tests are simply pass or fail, and as those are observed as pass the vendor moves on to the next test, or after a fail will ascertain why and retake that particular test when ready.
   d. Upon completion of the certification test operations, the vendor will be certified (certifications are good for a year), and the Ed-Fi Alliance will work with the vendor to coordinate marketing & communications opportunities and the other supports provided via the partner program.
4. For any questions along the way, please contact Sean Casey sean.casey@ed-fi.org 512-600-3617.