



MNOHS Bidders' Meeting

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Questions and Answers

- 1. Can you tell us more about the working prototype that you have, stage in the process, and more detail about the module we would be working on.**

Academic Check has a working prototype. This module allows students to track credits towards graduation. For Talent Check, MNOHS has a design prototype. The purpose of Talent Check is to enable students to track progress towards mastery in eight different skills areas that are needed for success in the world of work and post secondary education.

- 2. How is Academic Check working and what is fidelity? Can you tell us more about the goals for the project and how the modules relate to each other.**

To date, MNOHS has been using Academic Check with school counselors and students in a limited way. All students are uploaded to the app and can use it. Administrative accounts are available for counselors and administrators. Data is uploaded as an inquiry from the Student Information System (Infinite Campus).

Because we are working with a new compliance requirement to capture data on each incoming student's credit history, MNOHS has so far been working with the app from a primarily administrative point of view. This has informed our thinking about additional reporting capabilities for Academic Check.

3. What environment is currently used for building Academic Check? What type of stack does it use?

MNOHS is using React. The app is hosted in Amazon Web Service and uses a React front-end. The app is coded using React Native App with Auth0 for validation.

There has not been any log-in protocol beyond single sign on.

The Student Information System is Infinite Campus. MNOHS has worked with Infinite Campus to design the report that goes from Infinite Campus to the application.

4. Can you tell us more about how Talent Check and Academic Check will work together?

These are two independent modules working side-by-side. They are tracking credit attainment (Academic Check) and work/life skills (Talent Check). Talent Check has an interface with Infinite Campus and with students and staff in MNOHS. Both Academic and Talent Check use data from Infinite Campus, but in different ways.

Talent Check allows a student to earn tokens in eight different skills categories based on learning experiences for which students must provide learning evidence, and based on course completion.

For Talent Check, in the Infinite Campus system, each course has key words associated with the eight skill areas. The eight skill areas are collaboration, communication, critical thinking, confidence, media literacy, financial literacy, creative innovation, and community engagement.

Students who take the courses tagged with the skills areas will automatically earn tokens towards those skills. For example, a student getting a satisfactory grade in a video production course would

automatically get a token for creative innovation. MNOHS has a process for determining which keywords align with the skills that are used by faculty.

Students can also earn tokens in Talent Check by requesting them from an MNOHS adult who can grant them. An MNOHS adult can also offer a student tokens, which students can decide to accept. Peers can also recommend fellow students for tokens.

MNOHS is looking for ideas on how students might be able to upload, curate, and share learning evidence.

The source of truth for both Academic Check and Talent Check is the Infinite Campus SIS, but different types of data are used in each module.

5. Understanding of the Comprehensive Learner Standard is a requirement in the RFP. Can you give a little more detail on the expectations for this?

In the work done to date on Academic Check, MNOHS asked the previous partner to study the standard and make sure that the app is aligned to the Comprehensive Learner Record. MNOHS is seeking a software development partner who has an acknowledged awareness of the CLR; however, the app is not considered a complete CLR project.

6. How will MNOHS structure this in terms of budget? Will it be a flat fee project?

MNOHS would like to see how much of the identified work can be accomplished for the current \$80,000 that is available, along with what it might take to accomplish any identified next steps.

7. Is there a product road map?

There is not a formal road map. Making improvements for Academic Check reporting and setting up a working prototype for Talent Check are the next steps planned.

8. What is the plan for maintenance and related ongoing expenses?

MNOHS will likely need some ongoing support, so that should be included in the response as a future option. MNOHS is planning to bring the app to fruition, so we will continue to seek ongoing funding support both externally and internally.

9. How many people are potential users for the Talent Check prototype and over what period of time?

MNOHS currently serves about 400-600 students per year. These are full-time students. MNOHS also works with part-time, supplemental students, but would not be planning to use either module with them. All full-time students are currently enrolled in Academic Check. Ultimately, MNOHS would like to use Talent Check with all full-time students. MNOHS recognizes that active use will need to be encouraged and embedded in other aspects of academic programming.

The dates for submitting intention to bid and bid submission are on the MNOHS website at <https://mnohs.org/mnohs-talent-squad-app/>.

MNOHS Board Policy will require approval by the School Board for the contract that may result from this bidding process. The Board Meeting is scheduled for June 27, 2023. The projected start date for the engagement is July 1, 2023.