# Elevate

# How Elevate Uses AI

For district technology leaders and association representatives

**Elevate** helps administrators capture what happens in a classroom observation and write up their feedback. This page states plainly what the AI does, what it does not do, and where district data goes, so you can check it against your own standards.

## WHAT THE AI DOES

DURING THE LESSON

### Turns speech into text

Classroom audio is streamed to Google Speech-to-Text and becomes a written transcript. Elevate does not save the audio, and it never captures video.

BEFORE DRAFTING

### Removes student names

When a report is generated, a Google Gemini model replaces student names in the transcript and notes with labels like "Student A". That model sees the original text. This step cannot be turned off.

AFTER THE LESSON

### Drafts suggestions

It sorts evidence from the lesson against the district's framework and suggests strengths, growth areas and reflective questions, plus a summary paragraph the evaluator can edit.

## WHAT THE AI DOES NOT DO

**It does not decide ratings.**
The evaluator chooses every rating. For Danielson year-end summaries, Elevate shows a suggested level that the evaluator confirms or changes.

**It does not score how teachers sound.**
There is no tone or sentiment analysis, no talk-time measurement, and no automated flagging of teachers.

**It does not finish the report.**
Each rubric suggestion must be accepted, edited or dismissed by the evaluator. A person finalizes every report, and it is then locked.

**It does not learn from your district.**
District data is not used to train AI models. Our enterprise terms with Google prohibit it.

## WHERE CLASSROOM CONTENT GOES

| SERVICE | WHAT IT RECEIVES | WHERE |
|---|---|---|
| **Google Speech-to-Text** | Live classroom audio, to produce the transcript | United States |
| **Google Vertex AI (Gemini)** | Transcript and evaluator notes, to remove names and draft suggestions | United States |
| **Google Cloud database** | Transcript, notes and reports, encrypted | Google Cloud |

No advertising or analytics service receives district data. Error monitoring receives no transcript text, notes or names. Authorized Tandem staff can access district data to support the service, and review notes the AI could not classify so that suggestions improve.

## WHAT IS KEPT, AND WHO SEES IT

**The transcript**
It is saved as the lesson is transcribed. Student names are replaced when the report is generated. Until then, the original text is visible to the evaluator, that school's principal and assistant principals, and the district's Tech Admin and HR Director.

**Teachers**
Teachers do not have accounts. The evaluator shares the finished report as a PDF, and the district's official evaluation process continues unchanged.

### FOR YOUR REVIEW

We will complete your district's security questionnaire, provide additional documentation, and walk your team through the architecture. **Write to info@tandem-education.com** or see tandemeducation.com/security.