School management system, LMS and school OS — a reference card

Print it before any demo. Tick each question your school answers “yes” to, and ask whoever is showing you the system about it.

System	What it does	What it usually does not do
School management system	Student data, enrolment, attendance, grades, timetables, report cards	Lessons, assignments, what happens in the lesson
Learning platform (LMS)	Courses, content, assignments, quizzes, progress tracking	Official enrolment, timetables, report cards
Teacher's tools	Worksheets, slides, quick quizzes	The student record
School OS	One account and one record across the three layers	Deciding what the school measures

Six questions

- [ ] Grades and attendance on paper or in separate spreadsheets → a school management system
- [ ] Students need one place for lessons and assignments → a learning platform
- [ ] The same information written in more than one place → a link between systems
- [ ] A different account for every tool → one account and one record
- [ ] Parents ask about grades and absences before they are told → a route from the record to parents
- [ ] Unsure what happens to our data if we leave a system → the data questions before signing

The systems we use today, and the layer each one belongs to

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