

Software Deployment Solution Program Information

The selected product for this program is **PDQ Connect Premium**. While this solution certainly handles software deployment, it brings additional capabilities. PDQ Connect Premium is a cloud-native, agent-based endpoint management platform delivering automated Windows software deployment, patch management, vulnerability scanning, hardware and software inventory, and remote desktop capabilities.

Not all interested school systems can be immediately licensed and onboarded. The onboarding and licensing process will begin mid-October, and we are aiming for an onboarding rate of 50-100 school systems per month.

Currently, the **most important** step for **all interested school systems** is to complete the Pre-Registration Interest Survey. Contact your Regional ESC for a link to the survey.

Completing this survey does not commit the school to any future purchase or deployment responsibility but also does not guarantee selection for immediate deployment. This survey will help TASI gather both the needs and interest of school systems in preparation for deployments to begin in October.

Program information is preliminary and quickly developing at this point as details are being finalized with PDQ. Please check back here regularly for future updates. Here are some common FAQs available at this time:

What is covered by PDQ Connect Premium? PDQ Connect Premium can be deployed on all Windows devices. This includes workstations, laptops, and even servers if the school system desires. PDQ Connect can also be deployed on macOS systems. Priority will initially be given to Windows systems, with the goal of later adding macOS devices as well. This program will cover all staff and student devices.

The PDQ Connect product page can be found here, along with technical FAQs: <https://www.pdq.com/pdq-connect/>

Is this limited to smaller school systems? There is no size limitation on schools that are eligible for this program. However, prioritization will be given to high-need small and rural schools. As a result, larger school systems may experience a longer waiting period until their licensing and deployment.

Are existing PDQ customers eligible? Details are being finalized with PDQ with the expectation of moving existing customers to this program licensing provided at no cost for school systems. However, initial onboarding priority will be given to schools that do not currently have a software deployment and endpoint management solution in place. Existing customers are encouraged to complete the Pre-Registration Interest Survey.

What control will I have over my devices? You will be provided a fully licensed discreet management console for your school system. At your request and with your permission, your console instance can be created under your regional ESC's tenant so that your ESC can serve as MSP (Managed Service Provider). With that arrangement, you can still administer your school system's devices.

What is the privacy policy for PDQ? A full privacy policy is provided by PDQ at <https://www.pdq.com/privacy-policy/>