

Compass Quick Start

Compass is the AI assistant built into Atlas K-12. Compass runs on your district's server. It does not call ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini, or any cloud service. Every answer is generated locally.

WHAT COMPASS IS

- A local language model trained to answer MTSS, instructional, and student support questions.
- Connected to your district's strategy library, student context, and care team history.
- Source-cited: every answer lists the strategies, domains, or notes it drew from.

WHAT COMPASS IS NOT

- Not a general-purpose chatbot. Ask it about students, strategies, and interventions, not recipes.
- Not connected to the internet. Today's headlines are not in its training.
- Not infallible. Read the sources. Compass tells you where its answer came from so you can check it.

HOW TO ASK A GOOD QUESTION

Vague (don't)	Specific (do)
help me with a student	tier 2 reading intervention for a 3rd grader who guesses words from pictures
what should I do	low-effort behavior strategy for an 8th grader avoiding group work
anything on attendance	tier 1 attendance re-engagement for a high schooler with 6 unexcused absences this quarter
fix this kid	evidence-rated social-emotional strategy for a 5th grader withdrawing from peers after a move

RATE EVERY ANSWER

Under every Compass answer there are two controls: a thumbs up/down and a compass-icon rating from 1 to 5. Your district's Compass gets better every time you use those controls. If Compass says something wrong, click thumbs down and write one sentence about what should have been different. That correction is folded into your district's copy of Compass - not sent to a vendor.

Your corrections stay local. Every thumbs-down, every compass rating, every correction lives on your district's server. Compass learns your district's voice without sharing any of it.