

# Functional Document for EEC-NIF

EEC - Next Iteration Framework | Educational ERP & LMS Platform

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## 1. Project Overview

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EEC-NIF is the next-generation re-architecture of the original EEC (Educational ERP & Communication) platform. While EEC was built on Django/Python with a Flutter mobile app, EEC-NIF rebuilds the entire stack using Node.js (Express), React, and MongoDB - retaining all original business logic and adding new AI-powered learning features, multi-tenant institution management, and a modern responsive UI.

The platform serves educational institutions (schools and colleges) providing end-to-end management of academics, attendance, fee collection, human resources, communication, examinations, assignments, lesson plans, parent engagement, and AI-driven personalised learning.

## 2. Technology Stack

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### 2.1 Backend

- Runtime / Language: Node.js (JavaScript)
- Framework: Express.js v5.1.0
- Database: MongoDB (via Mongoose v8.15.1)
- Authentication: JWT (jsonwebtoken v9.0.2), bcryptjs v3.0.2
- File Storage: Multer v2.0.2, Cloudinary v2.8.0
- Email: Nodemailer v6.9.13
- CSV / Bulk Import: csv-parser v3.2.0
- API Documentation: Swagger (swagger-autogen, swagger-ui-express)
- Rate Limiting: express-rate-limit v8.2.1
- Environment: dotenv v16.5.0, CORS v2.8.5

- HTTP Client (internal): Axios v1.13.2
- WebHooks: webhookSender utility

## 2.2 Frontend

- Framework: React v18.2.0
- Build Tool: Vite v6.3.5
- Routing: React Router DOM v7.6.2
- Styling: Tailwind CSS v4.1.10
- Charts & Visualisation: Chart.js v4.5.0, react-chartjs-2, Recharts v2.15.0
- Rich Text Editor: Quill v1.3.7
- PDF Export (client-side): jsPDF v3.0.2
- Excel Handling: xlsx v0.18.5
- Notifications: react-hot-toast, SweetAlert2 v11.26.3
- Icons: lucide-react v0.514.0
- 3D Graphics: three.js v0.171.0
- HTTP Client: Axios v1.13.2
- Deployment: Vercel (vercel.json SPA rewrites)

## 2.3 Original EEC Stack (for reference)

- Backend: Python, Django, Django REST Framework
- Auth: JWT (SimpleJWT)
- Real-time: Django Channels, Redis (WebSocket support)
- Database: PostgreSQL
- Frontend: React, Redux, Axios, Reactstrap, SCSS/CSS
- Mobile App: Flutter (Dart)
- Media: Cloudinary, Leaflet (mapping)
- Server: Ubuntu, AWS, Gunicorn, Daphne, Nginx

## 3. Project Statistics

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<b>Original EEC - DB tables:</b>	347
<b>Original EEC - Code files:</b>	459
<b>EEC-NIF - Backend models:</b>	40
<b>EEC-NIF - Backend route files:</b>	39
<b>EEC-NIF - Backend middleware:</b>	8
<b>EEC-NIF - Backend utility files:</b>	9
<b>EEC-NIF - Frontend component files:</b>	206
<b>EEC-NIF - Maintenance/migration scripts:</b>	5
<b>Total API endpoints (Swagger documented):</b>	100

## 4. User Roles & Access

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### **Institution Head / Super Admin**

Top-level multi-school management. Can manage all schools registered on the platform, create school accounts, and access aggregate reports across institutions.

### **School Admin**

Per-school administrator. Manages academic setup, user creation (bulk or individual), fee structures, notices, reports, and overall school configuration.

### **Principal**

Academic oversight and reporting. Access to analytics dashboards, staff management, student analytics, financial dashboards, and communication centre.

### **Teacher**

Class and student management. Can mark attendance, create assignments, manage lesson plans, add practice questions, schedule PTMs, view timetables, and give student feedback.

### **Class Teacher**

All teacher permissions plus additional class-specific responsibilities such as behaviour tracking and excuse letter approvals.

### **Student**

Learner portal. Can view assignments, submit work, attempt exams and practice questions, view attendance and results, use AI learning tools, and chat with peers.

### **Parent**

Child monitoring portal. Can view their child's attendance, results, fee status, class routine, and communicate via PTM portal and complaint management.

### **Staff / Accountant / Librarian**

Role-specific access for support functions such as fee collection, library management, and HR-related operations. Optional roles configured per institution.

## 5. System Modules

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### **5.1 Core / Academic Setup**

- School Profile Management - School data (name, logo, address, contact) is stored and used for report cards, invoices, and email communication.
- Academic Year - Manages academic calendar years; all data is scoped to an academic year.
- User Management - Profile creation, password reset, and account status. Mobile number is the unique identifier/username. 256-bit password encryption. Every login is recorded.
- User Groups - Role-based user groups must be configured during installation.
- Class/Course - Manages the list of classes/courses. Class name and class code must be unique. Fee structure is linked at class level.

- Section - Acts as a room/division within a class batch. Each student is mapped to a section. Mapping: Student -> Section -> Course Batch -> Course.
- Subject - Managed per course. Course + subject combination must be unique. Subjects hold chapters and study materials.
- Syllabus - Mapped as Syllabus -> Subject -> Batch -> Course.
- Timetable - Class timetable management; automated timetable generator utility available.
- Notice Management - Create and publish notices to targeted user groups.
- Holiday Management - Holidays can be created or deleted; affects attendance auto-generation.
- Complaint & Feedback Management - Manages complaints and feedback from all user types.

## 5.2 Student

- Student Database - Stores all student personal, academic, and parent data.
- User Account - Every student gets a system user account; mobile number is username.
- Unique Student Code - Auto-generated by the system on enrolment.
- Enrolment - Course/class, section, parent, and previous school data captured. Course, parent, and personal data are mandatory.
- Multi-Course Enrolment - One student can be enrolled in multiple courses simultaneously.
- Parent Linking - If parent already exists, entering their registered mobile number auto-links them.
- Fee Invoice - Automated fee invoice created per fee structure assigned during enrolment.
- Bulk Upload - Students can be bulk-imported via CSV/Excel template (with class, section, and parent details).
- Student Progress - Progress scores calculated per student, subject, batch, and course.
- Student Journal - Students can maintain personal journal entries.
- Wellbeing Tracking - Student wellbeing data tracked and accessible to teachers and admin.
- Behaviour Records - Behaviour incidents recorded and linked to student profile.
- Excuse Letters - Students can submit digital excuse letters for absences.

## 5.3 Teacher

- Teacher Database - Stores education, documents, and previous experience data.
- User Account - Teacher code is the username; unique teacher code required at registration.
- Employee Account - An employee record is automatically created for every new teacher.
- Subject Assignment - Teachers are assigned a set of subjects; all resources of assigned subjects are accessible.
- Teacher Timetable - Each teacher has a personal timetable. Change requests can be submitted to admin/management.
- Teacher Attendance - Separate attendance tracking for teaching staff.
- Teacher Feedback - Teachers can provide structured feedback on student performance.
- Teacher Expense - Expense recording for reimbursement.
- Teacher Leave - Leave requests managed within the HR module.
- Teacher Allocation - Subject and section allocation management.

## 5.4 Parent

- Parent Database - Stores all parent contact and profile data.
- Account Creation - Parent account created during student enrolment or independently via admin panel.
- Multiple Students - One parent account can be linked to multiple students.
- Access - Parents can view attendance reports, fee payment status, class routine, academic results, and PTM schedule.
- Complaint Management - Parents can raise complaints and track resolution.
- Fee Payment - Fee payment actions available from the parent portal.

## 5.5 Attendance

- Student Attendance - Auto-generated daily at 2 AM (configurable from super admin panel) with default status: absent, holiday, or Sunday. Status updated when marked by teacher.
- Employee Attendance - Same auto-generation process for all active employees.
- Time Analysis - System analyses attendance timing data and marks status accordingly.
- Payroll Integration - Attendance data feeds into monthly salary generation.
- Excuse Letters - Linked to attendance records for absence justification.

## 5.6 Examination

- Examination Database - New exams created and mapped to Subject -> Batch -> Course.
- Structure - Each exam has a set of subjects; each subject has questions, duration, and due date/time.
- Examiners - Each subject in the exam is assigned a set of examiner teachers.
- Question Types - Multiple question types supported (MCQ, FIB, MTF, TF, LAQ, SAQ).
- Live Activation - Exam becomes available to students only after admin/management publishes it.
- Immutability - No changes permitted once the exam is published.
- Student Attempt - Students attempt examinations subject-by-subject on the specified due date/time. One attempt only.
- No Back Navigation - Once started, students cannot go back. Exam auto-submits on duration expiry.
- Marking - Post-submission, answers are visible to examiners for review and marking.
- Report Card - Once all marking is complete, admin/management can publish the report card.
- Anti-Cheating - Certain browser actions are prevented during examination. AI-based anti-cheat integration is planned.

## 5.7 Assignments

- Assignment Creation - Teachers create assignments linked to class, section, and subject.
- Student Submission - Students can submit work (files, text) through their portal.
- Teacher Review - Teachers can view all submissions and provide marks and feedback.
- Status Tracking - Assignment status (pending, submitted, reviewed) tracked per student.

## 5.8 Lesson Plan

- Lesson Plan Database - Stores all lesson plan data; mapped to Course -> Batch -> Subject.
- Composition - A lesson plan can include one chapter, homework, tryout, quiz, assessment, and

retrieval. Chapter and teacher are mandatory.

- Teacher Visibility - Lesson plan visible only to the assigned teacher.
- Activation - Teacher can start the lesson on its scheduled due date.
- Completion Flow - Once teacher marks a lesson plan complete, associated homework, tryouts, and items appear in the student's section account.
- Student Submissions - Students can submit work against assigned lesson plan items.
- Feedback Loop - Teachers can review all student submissions and provide feedback.
- Post-Completion Survey - Student feedback/survey form delivered after lesson plan completion (planned feature).

## 5.9 Tryout & Practice Questions

- Tryout Database - Stores tryout/practice quiz data.
- Question Types - MCQ, FIB (Fill-in-the-Blank), MTF (Match-the-Following), TF (True/False), LAQ (Long Answer), SAQ (Short Answer).
- Auto-Marking - If a correct answer exists in the system, the system automatically marks responses as correct or incorrect.
- Teacher Override - Teachers can always change answer status manually.
- Practice Questions - AI-assisted practice question sets available to students.
- Practice Attempts - Student attempt history recorded for progress analysis.

## 5.10 Progress & Report Card

- Progress Algorithms - Module holds all algorithms to calculate student, subject, batch, and course progress.
- Background Calculation - Whenever related data changes, progress recalculation runs in background. Adequate server resources required.
- Cached Results - Calculation results stored in the database for instant access.
- Report Card - Exam result data stored and report card generated as PDF download.
- PDF Template - HTML design template used for PDF generation.

## 5.11 Fee Management

- Fee Structure - Fee structures configured per course/class by admin.
- Fee Invoice - Auto-generated on student enrolment based on assigned fee structure.
- Payment Recording - Fee payments tracked per invoice; payment history maintained.
- Parent Access - Parents can view outstanding invoices and payment history from their portal.
- Financial Dashboard - Principal and admin can view school-wide financial summaries.

## 5.12 Employee / HRMS

- Employee Database - Manages all non-teaching and teaching staff records.
- Department & Designation - Employees assigned to departments and designations.
- Multiple Employee Types - Teaching staff, administrative staff, support staff, etc.
- Attendance - Integrated with the Attendance module for daily tracking.
- Payroll - Automated monthly salary generation based on attendance.

- Pay Slips - Employees can access their pay slips through the portal.
- Leave Management - Leave requests and approvals managed in this module.
- Expense Management - Employee expense submissions tracked here.
- Resignation - Employee resignation workflow available.

### 5.13 Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM)

- PTM Creation - Teachers create PTM sessions linked to specific students.
- Parent Notification - Auto-notification sent to mapped student's parent on PTM creation.
- Parent Actions - Parent can accept the meeting request or ask to reschedule.
- MOM Storage - Minutes of Meeting (MOM) can be stored for future reference.

### 5.14 Communication

- Notice Board - Notices created by admin visible to targeted user groups.
- Real-Time Chat - Users can chat in real time (requires friendship/connection).
- Abusive Language Filter - System automatically masks abusive words in chat.
- Chat Immutability - Chat messages cannot be deleted by users.
- Academic Alcove - Q&A / discussion forum for academic topics (AlcovePost, AlcoveComment models).
- Notifications - System-generated notifications for key events (PTM, assignments, results, etc.).
- Webhook Support - Webhook integration available for external system event notifications.

### 5.15 AI Learning Features

- AI Learning Dashboard - Personalised learning path dashboard for students.
- AI Problem Solver - Students can submit problems and receive AI-generated solutions.
- AI Quiz Generator - Automatically generates quiz questions on demand.
- AI Summary Generator - Generates summaries of study material.
- AI Textbook Chat - Students can interact with textbook content via AI chat interface.
- Flashcard Generator - AI-generated flashcards for revision.
- Mind Map Generator - Visual mind maps generated from topic inputs.
- Weak Student Identification - System identifies underperforming students and suggests targeted learning paths.
- Student AI Learning Route - NIF-specific AI learning route endpoints for personalised study.

### 5.16 Class Routine

- Student Daily Routine - Manages the daily class schedule for students.
- Mapping - Routine -> Section -> Course Batch -> Course.
- Availability - Routine visible to students according to enrolled course.
- Teacher Timetable - Separate per-teacher timetable management.
- Automated Generator - Timetable generator utility available for automated scheduling.

### 5.17 Events

- Event Management - Admin/management creates school events.

- Targeted Events - Events can be created for specific user types.
- Registration - Users can register to participate in events.
- Media Upload - Participants can upload images/videos; reviewed by admin/management.

### 5.18 Library

- Offline/Online Library - Manages physical and digital library resources.
- Book Orders & Payments - Users can order books and make payments.
- Due Date Tracking - System tracks all borrowed books and notifies librarian of overdue returns.

### 5.19 Handbook

- Handbook Management - Manages handbooks and related documents.
- Access Control - Available to admin and employees only.

### 5.20 Transport

- Vehicle & Driver Management - All vehicles and drivers managed in this module.
- Driver Accounts - System auto-creates a user and employee account for each new driver.
- Route Management - All vehicle routes managed with defined stops.
- Student-to-Route Mapping - Sets of students assigned to routes and stops.
- Real-Time Tracking - Admin/management can track vehicles on-route in real time.
- Drop Notifications - System notifies driver which students to drop at each stop.

### 5.21 Student Wellbeing

- Wellbeing Records - Student wellbeing data collected and tracked over time.
- Access - Visible to teachers and admin for pastoral care and early intervention.

### 5.22 Issue Tracking & Support

- Issue Module - Users can raise issues that are tracked through to resolution.
- Support Requests - Dedicated support request module for technical or administrative help.
- Audit Log - All significant system actions logged for auditing and accountability.

### 5.23 Personal Task Manager (TODO)

- Available to all user types.
- Users can create, manage, and track their personal daily tasks.

### 5.24 Games

- Interactive games integrated into the student portal for engagement and gamified learning.

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## 6. Data Architecture & Key Mappings

Key entity relationship mappings in the system:

- Student -> Section -> Course Batch -> Course
- Subject -> Course



- Syllabus -> Subject -> Batch -> Course
- Routine -> Section -> Course Batch -> Course
- Lesson Plan -> Course -> Batch -> Subject
- Examination -> Subject -> Batch -> Course
- Teacher Timetable -> Teacher
- Fee Invoice -> Student -> Fee Structure -> Course
- Employee -> Department -> Designation
- Attendance (Student) -> Student -> Section -> Course
- Attendance (Employee) -> Employee -> Payroll
- Transport Route -> Stops -> Students

## 6.1 Backend Models (40 total)

<b>User &amp; Auth:</b>	Admin, Principal, TeacherUser, StudentUser, ParentUser, StaffUser
<b>Academic:</b>	School, AcademicYear, Class, Section, Subject, Timetable
<b>Operations:</b>	Attendance, Assignment, Exam, ExamResult, Feedback, TeacherFeedback, LessonPlan, LessonPlanCompletion, PracticeQuestion, PracticeAttempt
<b>Finance:</b>	FeeStructure, FeeInvoice, FeePayment
<b>Communication &amp; Engagement:</b>	AlcovePost, AlcoveComment, Notification, AuditLog
<b>HR:</b>	TeacherAllocation, TeacherAttendance, TeacherExpense, TeacherLeave
<b>Student Tracking:</b>	Behaviour, StudentProgress, StudentJournalEntry, Wellbeing
<b>Other:</b>	ExcuseLetter, Issue, ParentMeeting, SupportRequest

## 7. API Structure

The backend exposes a RESTful API documented via Swagger (available at /api-docs). Routes are grouped by domain:

<b>Authentication:</b>	adminRoutes, teacherRoute, staffRoutes, studentRoute, parentRoute, principalRoutes, superAdminRoutes, schoolRegistrationRoutes
<b>Dashboard:</b>	teacherDashboardRoutes, principalDashboardRoutes
<b>Academic:</b>	academicRoutes (years, classes, sections, subjects), subjectRoute
<b>Operations:</b>	attendanceRoutes, assignmentRoute, examRoute, feedbackRoute, behaviourRoute, progressRoute, timetableRoutes, lessonPlanRoutes
<b>Finance:</b>	feeRoutes
<b>Communication:</b>	alcoveRoute, notificationRoutes, meetingRoute
<b>Admin / User Management:</b>	adminUserManagement (bulk create, CSV import), reportRoutes, auditLogRoutes
<b>AI Features:</b>	aiLearningRoute, studentAILearningRoute, practiceRoutes
<b>Student Features:</b>	excuseLetterRoutes, issueRoutes, supportRoutes, wellbeingRoute, nifStudentRoutes
<b>HR:</b>	teacherAllocationRoutes
<b>Infrastructure:</b>	uploadRoutes, schoolRoutes

## 8. Security

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- JWT-based stateless authentication - separate middleware per user role (adminAuth, authTeacher, authStudent, authParent, principalAuth, superAdminAuth, authAnyUser).
- bcryptjs password hashing (256-bit equivalent) - passwords never stored in plaintext.
- Password policy enforcement via passwordPolicy utility.
- API rate limiting via express-rate-limit to prevent brute-force attacks.
- Role-based route protection - each API endpoint is protected by role-specific middleware.
- Every user login activity is recorded for audit purposes.
- Abusive language filtration in real-time chat.
- Anti-cheating measures during online examinations (browser action restrictions; AI anti-cheat planned).
- Audit log records all significant system actions.
- Cloudinary secure media upload with signed URLs.
- CORS policy enforced on all API routes.
- Chat messages are immutable (cannot be deleted by users).
- Environment variables managed via .env (never committed to version control).

## 9. Deployment & Infrastructure

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### 9.1 Frontend

- Hosted on Vercel.
- vercel.json configured with SPA fallback rewrites.
- Environment variables injected at build time via .env.

### 9.2 Backend

- Node.js Express server; entry point: index.js.
- MongoDB Atlas (cloud) or self-hosted MongoDB.
- Cloudinary for all media/file storage.
- Nodemailer for transactional email.
- Swagger UI available at /api-docs endpoint.

### 9.3 Original EEC Infrastructure (for reference)

- Ubuntu server on AWS.
- Gunicorn for Django WSGI serving.
- Daphne for Django ASGI (WebSocket) serving.
- Nginx as reverse proxy / load balancer.
- Redis for Django Channels (WebSocket message broker).

## 10. Planned & Future Features

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- Question / tryout creation via file upload (bulk import).
- Teacher timetable change request workflow (admin approval).
- Post-lesson plan student feedback/survey form delivery.
- End-to-end chat encryption.
- AI anti-cheating integration for online examinations.
- 3D interactive content using three.js (infrastructure already in place).
- Games expansion for gamified learning.
- Transport module - full implementation with live GPS tracking.
- Library module - full offline/online library with payment integration.
- Event module - full participant media review workflow.
- Handbook module - full implementation.

*Note: This document covers all main features and modules of EEC-NIF. Any further changes to the system will require an update to this document.*