



# Dr. Joy Smithson

## Data Scientist

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Dr. Joy Smithson sees her role as Data Scientist at SchoolStatus with a dual mission: understanding educators' pressing research questions, and translating vast datasets into actionable insights to address those queries. She leverages her expertise in analyzing, interpreting, summarizing, visualizing, and wrangling data to support educators and create better outcomes for students. Dr. Smithson finds fulfillment in resolving data challenges that hinder educators, considering it a great day when she can make their tasks more manageable.

Educators hold a special place in Dr. Smithson's heart. The education system has been pivotal to her success, from pursuing junior high cross country to applying to graduate school, a teacher's encouragement lit the spark. Outside work, Dr. Smithson embraces trail running and relishes the exploration of new cities at dawn.

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