

Dear Parent/Guardian:

September, 2019

The growing availability of web-based tools and applications provides teachers with a variety of methods to enrich and diversify the delivery of curriculum and instruction to students. Many web-based tools and applications use student-specific information for creation of access accounts and to customize the learning experience. The purpose of this letter is to explain what student-specific data will be provided to online service providers for creation of these accounts and why it is provided.

Abington School District makes every effort to select and implement products that protect the confidentiality of students' personally identifiable information and that avoid third party marketing. In order for students to use some selected web-based tools and applications, it may be necessary for the district to provide student data for creation of accounts or for the student to create an account.

Service providers communicate important information about their collection, protection, use and disclosure of data through their own privacy policies. A list of online service providers whose products are used at the junior high school and their contact information, including the providers' website addresses, may be found by going to the Abington School District website (www.abington.k12.pa.us) and accessing the Curriculum and Instruction link located under the Administration tab. The list is available under the heading Web-based Tools. Upon request, a hard copy of this list may be provided to you by contacting your child's school.

From most providers' websites, you are able to browse their privacy policies for more information about how the providers collect and use data. Data is typically used only to provide educational services to students. Please note that only the following data may be used to create student accounts: student name, date of birth, last four digits of phone number, gender, zip code, school name, grade level, and local student ID number.

The Children's Online Privacy Protection Act ("COPPA") requires that providers of web-based tools and applications obtain verifiable parental consent in order for children under the age of 13 to use their programs. The responsibility of obtaining parental consent is often passed on to schools. This letter serves as notification that the web-based tools and applications identified on the list referred to above are utilized for instructional activities at the junior high school. If providers are added to this list during the school year, you will be notified.

In order for a student under the age of 13 to access this aspect of the curriculum, a parent/guardian must sign and return this letter to the principal. If the student is 13 or older, the parent/guardian may opt the child out of use of web-based applications by providing this request in writing to the child's principal. In the event that the parent/guardian opts their child out of use of web-based applications, the building principal shall be responsible for ensuring that the district uses its best efforts to make necessary accommodations for the student to ensure that the student's education is not adversely affected.

Sincerely,

Daniel File, Principal
Abington Junior High School

(For children under the age of 13 only) PARENTAL CONSENT (For your child to access the websites, we will need your signed consent)

My signature below constitutes consent for _____ to access the web-based applications referenced above.

Parent: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____