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Extended Digital Curriculum Resources

The Missoula County Public Schools utilize various digital curriculum resources for students, teachers, and staff. These online software tools are used to support your child's digital skills and engage them in quality and safe learning. As with any educational endeavor, a strong partnership with families is essential to a successful experience.

In order for students to use these programs and resources, certain personally identifiable information (PII) must be provided to the website or software application operator. This is generally the student's name and District-issued email. The District will provide only the minimum information required to access the educational materials and applications. The Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA)¹ requires these websites to provide parental notification and obtain parental consent before collecting personal information from children under the age of 13. The law permits schools to consent to the collection of personal information for non-commercial purposes on behalf of all of its students, which eliminates the need for individual parental consent given directly to the website or software application operator. The District will not consent on your behalf to websites or applications collecting personal information regarding your child for commercial purposes. COPPA requires that a website or application seeking to collect personal information for a child under 13 years of age must obtain consent directly from the parent or guardian.

In addition, there is the Montana Pupil Online Personal Information Protection Act, MCA §§ 20-7-1323 – 20-7-1326. This law applies to students in grades K – 12 and requires the District to enter into agreements with each vendor/operator that collects personally identifiable information (PII). Vendors/operators are prohibited from: (a) (i) engaging in targeted advertising on the operator's K-12 online application; or (ii) targeting advertising on any other site, service, or application when the targeting of the advertising is based on any information, including protected information and persistent unique identifiers, that the operator has acquired because of the use of the operator's K-12 online application; (b) using information, including persistent unique identifiers, created or gathered by the operator's K-12 online application to amass a profile about a pupil, except in furtherance of K-12 school purposes; (c) selling a pupil's information, including protected information.

Teachers in the District may only use software/apps in the classroom that have been approved by the District. Approved software/apps all have agreements with the District that meet Montana law. A complete list of the programs can be found on the District's website: www.mcpsmt.org/studentdataprivacy

¹ For more information on COPPA, please visit <https://www.ftc.gov/tips-advice/business-center/guidance/complying-coppa-frequently-asked-questions>.

Digital Resources Parental Permission

By signing below, I confirm that I have read and understand the following: I understand that my student's education records stored in digital resources may be accessible to someone other than my student and the Missoula County Public Schools by virtue of this online environment. My signature below confirms my consent to allow my student's personally identifiable information to be stored by parties listed on this document. I have read the privacy policies associated with the extended digital curriculum resources. I understand that I may ask for my child's account to be removed at any time or may revoke my consent at any time.

CHOOSE 1 OPTION BELOW:

YES, I give permission to the District to consent to the collection of personal information regarding my child for non-commercial purposes on my behalf. This means my child will receive:

- User account created in one or several of the apps/websites listed on this site:

www.mcpsmt.org/studentdataprivacy

NO, I do NOT give permission to the District to consent to the collection of personal information regarding my child for non-commercial purposes on my behalf. This means my child will NOT be able to use extended digital learning resources in his/her classroom.

Student Name: (Print) _____ Grade: _____

Student ID#: (if known) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____