

# Columbia School District Website Privacy Policy

Effective Date: 05/24

Welcome to the Columbia School District website. Your privacy and the security of your personal information are of utmost importance to us. This privacy policy explains how we collect, use, share, and protect the information you provide when using our website.

## 1. Information We Collect

- **Personal Information:**  
We may collect personal information such as your name, email address, phone number, and other contact details if you voluntarily submit them via forms, surveys, or other interactive features.
  - **Community Members:** Contact information may be collected through our volunteer and event registration forms.
- **Non-Personal Information:**  
We may collect non-identifiable data such as browser type, operating system, IP address, and browsing activity through cookies and similar technologies.

## 2. How We Use Your Information

- **Personal Information:**  
We use your personal information to:
  - Communicate with you regarding inquiries, requests, or feedback.
  - Provide updates or notices about Columbia School District activities and programs.
  - Analyze trends to improve our educational services.
- **Non-Personal Information:**  
Non-personal information is used to analyze website traffic, understand usage trends, and enhance the user experience on our website.

## 3. Cookies and Tracking Technologies

- We use cookies and similar technologies to enhance your browsing experience and provide personalized content. You can manage your preferences or disable cookies through your browser settings. However, disabling cookies may limit some features on the website.

#### **4. Sharing Your Information**

- We do not sell, rent, or share your personal information with third parties, except:
  - When required by law, such as to comply with subpoenas or legal processes.
  - With trusted third-party service providers who assist us in operating our website and maintaining security, provided they agree to maintain the confidentiality of your information.

#### **5. Data Security**

- We use industry-standard security measures to protect your personal information. However, no transmission over the internet or electronic storage system is completely secure, so we cannot guarantee absolute security.

#### **6. Children's Privacy**

- We comply with the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) and do not knowingly collect personal information from children under the age of 13 without verifiable parental consent. If you believe that your child has provided personal information without consent, please contact us so that we can promptly remove it.

#### **7. Third-Party Links**

- Our website may contain links to third-party websites. We are not responsible for the privacy practices or content of these external sites. We encourage you to review their privacy policies.

#### **8. Changes to This Policy**

- This policy may be updated periodically. Any changes will be reflected on this page with an updated effective date. Please review this policy regularly.

#### **9. Contact Us**

- Columbia School District Technology Department
- If you have questions or concerns about this privacy policy or our data practices, please contact us:

Columbia School District Technology Department  
601-736-9164

[webmaster@columbiaschools.org](mailto:webmaster@columbiaschools.org)

### **Use of Personal Information**

- We do not collect any personal information unless you voluntarily provide it via email, surveys, or online forms. Personal information submitted will not be transferred to any non-affiliated third parties unless otherwise stated at the time of collection. Any personally identifiable information submitted is used only for the purpose stated at the time of collection.

### **Consent**

- Where consent for the use and disclosure of personal information is required, we will seek consent from the appropriate individual. For a student's personal information, we will seek consent from the student and/or their parent or guardian, depending on the student's mental ability and maturity to understand the consequences of the proposed use and disclosure.