



North Thurston Public Schools

Child Online Privacy Protection Act Disclosure and Consent to Use of Online Resources

Dear Parents/Guardians of Children under the age of 13:

North Thurston Public Schools (NTPS) provides our students with access to various third-party websites, applications, and other online resources to support student learning (the "Online Resources"). These Online Resources include, Google Apps for Education, Canvas, Nearpod, Typing Club, Learn 360, and other similar educational programs.

In order for our students to use these Online Resources, the third-party operators of these Online Resources may collect certain personally identifying information (e.g., the students first and last name, username, and district email address). Under the federal Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA), these third-party operators must notify parents/guardians and obtain parent/guardian consent before collecting personal information of students under the age of 13. However, COPPA allows education institutions like NTPS to consent to this collection on behalf of parents, as long as the use of the personal information collected is limited to an educational context and is not used for any other commercial purpose.

This notice is intended to inform you about the Online Resources that have been approved for use at NTPS schools and to give parents/guardians of students under the age of 13 an opportunity to opt-out of their child's use of such Online Resources. A link to our current list of Online Resources, which includes links to their terms of service and privacy policies, is provided at the bottom of this page. If you would like a specific list of the Online Resources that will be available in your child's classroom, please contact your student's teacher(s).

If you are the parent or guardian of a student under the age of 13 and at any time wish to opt out of your child's use of Online Resources, you may do so by completing the Opt-Out Form available via the NTPS Online Resources link at the bottom of the page and returning it to us as described in the form. Please note that opting out of the use of Online Resources may affect your child's interaction in the classroom and ability to participate in certain learning activities.

IF YOU DO NOT OPT OUT USING THE OPT-OUT FORM, YOU WILL BE DEEMED TO HAVE AGREED TO OUR CONSENTING ON YOUR BEHALF TO THE USE OF THE ONLINE RESOURCES AND THE COLLECTION OF INFORMATION FROM YOUR CHILD IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

Note that all students through K through 8th grade can only use their district email accounts to email NTPS staff members and their fellow students and cannot use district email accounts to send to or receive email messages from external addresses. All student communications through district email, internal or external, at all grade levels are filtered, archived, and can be monitored by the district.

If you wish to know more about COPPA and the Online Resources NTPS students are using, or OPT your student out, please visit the link below for additional information.

NTPS Online Resources and opt out form: www.nthurston.k12.wa.us/COPPA