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Houston Independent School District Generative AI Software Use Consent and Permission Form

Houston ISD ("HISD") is excited to announce that during the upcoming 2025-2026 school year at students (14 years and older) in 8th – 12th grade, will have the opportunity to take part in a collaborative and educational experience using Microsoft CoPilot, an advanced artificial intelligence tool, and other software based on your student's age. These technologies are designed to encourage students to brainstorm solutions to various problems alongside teachers and faculty, fostering a spirit of innovation and teamwork.

In accordance with the Texas Education Code, §32.1021, informed parental consent is required for a student's use of certain software applications. The purpose of this form is to give permission to HISD, which enables your student independent access and supervised use of the following applicable "Software";

- **Google Gemini**
- **Microsoft Copilot**
- **Independent, supervised use of Adobe Creative Cloud**

Additionally, the purpose of this form is to give consent to HISD to disclose your student's name or other necessary information obtained through the student's record, to facilitate the enrollment required for use of the Software. Any information that the HISD provides is regulated by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA).

Any entity that HISD provides disclosed information about a student, whether by consent or operation of law, is informed by HISD of the following: i.) information may only be used for the purpose for which the disclosure was made, ii.) further use or disclosure to other parties is prohibited, and iii.) violation of federal law restricting disclosure may result in a fine of not more than $1,000 or imprisonment of not more than 1 year, or both.

Acknowledgements

I, the parent/guardian of the student named below ("Student") understand and acknowledge the following:

1. I have read this consent and permission form in its entirety.
2. I have read HISD's **AI Guidebook** and understand the cybersecurity risks and online safety precautions taken by HISD in my student's use of the Software. I understand I can request a copy of HISD's AI Guidebook from the campus principal's office if I prefer a hard copy.

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3. This consent permits my student to use the Software for the school year listed above only.
4. This consent is voluntary and may be revoked at any time by informing HISD, in writing.
5. My student's use of the Software is voluntary and not a required part of HISD's educational program.
6. HISD will make available upon request, the terms and conditions and privacy policies of the Software offered.
7. I understand that if my student fails to abide by the expectations stated in the Student Code of Conduct and HISD Acceptable Use Policies and Procedures, it may result in discipline, at the discretion of the school.
8. By allowing my student to utilize the Software in an educational setting, I agree to assume any risk, hold HISD, its employees and agents, harmless, and waive any liability that may arise from student use of such Software, including but not limited to student data privacy rights found in the traditional educational setting such as the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA").

Permission and Consent

I, the parent/guardian of the student named in the Houston ISD Annual Student Information Update, hereby give written consent to Houston Independent School District to permit Student's use of Software during the **2025-2026** school year.

I, the parent/guardian of the student named in the Houston ISD Annual Student Information Update, hereby give written consent to "HISD" to release (describe records) to Microsoft and Adobe for the purpose of accessing and utilizing the Software.

Warning: 34 CFR §99.33 provides that this school district may disclose personally identifiable information from an education record only on the condition that the person or entity to whom the information is disclosed will not disclose the information to any other party without the prior consent of the parent or eligible student. Violation of this condition may result in this school district denying violator access to personally identifiable information from education records for at least five years.