



Dear parents of students in Grades 3–12,

Technology in the course of daily instruction is an evolving feature of the educational experience. We want our students to use technology productively, creatively and ethically. All Grade 3 and 4 students have a dedicated iPad primarily for classroom use and occasionally for a specific educational task that requires the student to take the iPad home. All students in Grades 5–12 have dedicated iPads for educational use both at school and at home.

Students use a range of educational software and online tools that are carefully curated by their teachers. Many of these online tools and services require users, in our case, students and teachers, to submit some personal information in order to establish accounts. This personal information generally consists of the student's first and last name and their school email address.

Google Workspace for Education, the provider of our school's Google accounts, requires parental permission for anyone under 18 to use their Google credentials to connect to a third-party app. Federal law, specifically the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA), requires that children under 13 have verifiable parental consent to use online services that collect personal information. COPPA also permits a school to obtain consent from parents on behalf of its students, thereby eliminating the need for parents to provide consent and to establish accounts individually with each service provider.

Students will be expected to use online services — as chosen by their teachers — that offer compelling educational features. Our ever-changing list of online services is available via the Under Age 13 Services list and includes an overview of their curricular use, intended audience, and links to each provider's Privacy Policy and Terms of Use. Steps have been taken to address privacy concerns when using these services, including our internal approval system.

While no vendor will offer an ironclad guarantee of complete and perpetual security, the Terms of Service and Privacy Policy statements for the vendors listed have been vetted closely — as are updates and changes to them — to verify that appropriate and customary security and privacy measures are in place to protect those using the service.

If you have questions about particular vendors or are not comfortable giving your consent for one or more services, kindly contact Krista Inchausti, Director of Technology in Teaching & Learning, at krista.inchausti@sacredsfs.org.