

Dear MPS Families:

Milton Public Schools seeks to ensure the protection of the privacy of students attending the Milton Public Schools in a manner consistent with the Federal Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA), Children's Online Protection Privacy Rule (COPPA), and Massachusetts student record regulations. Strategies are being implemented at both the District and School levels to ensure student privacy is protected.

Milton Public Schools recently joined the Student Data Privacy Consortium ([SDPC](#)). The technology department submitted a list of over one hundred applications used throughout the district and shared this with the SDPC. The SDPC attorneys are now reaching out to all of the third-party businesses asking them to sign an agreement stating that they are COPPA & FERPA compliant and follow the Massachusetts student record regulations.

The SDPC has provided MPS with a working database that lists the applications we submitted and indicates whether or not the company signed an agreement. Although this is a work in progress, MPS would like to share the link with families. Here is the [link](#) to the Milton Public Schools SDPC Database.

MPS will continue to use the applications that have signed an agreement with the SDPC. If a business has not agreed to sign an agreement with MPS, the application will not be used unless the application does not require students to log into the application. For example, Khan Academy did not sign an agreement with MPS. Students can continue to watch Khan Academy tutorials without signing into the Khan Academy site. If a teacher cannot find a free alternative to an application that is an integral part of their curriculum and after reading the company's privacy policy they believe that the company is in compliance with COPPA, FERPA, and the Massachusetts student record regulations, they will submit a request to use the site to the MPS Technology Task Force. The Technology Task Force, comprised of district leaders, teachers, and family members, will evaluate the application's privacy policy to determine the use of the application in MPS. If the Technology Task Force finds that the application is in compliance with COPPA, FERPA, and the Massachusetts student records regulations, they will allow students to use the application if a family member signs a release form allowing the student permission to use the

application. As the age requirement for most sites is 13, all MHS students will be allowed to sign the release form for themselves.

For more information on student privacy, please review the following information:

**Student Data Privacy VIDEOS - Educational Links**

[US Department of Ed. - Protecting Student Privacy](#)

[Protecting Student Privacy](#)

[Student Privacy 101: FERPA](#)

[Educators Guide to Student Data Privacy](#)

[Common Sense Media - Privacy Evaluations](#)

**SDPC - A4L - Student Data Privacy Consortium**

[About SDPC](#)

[Instructional Software Tools Policy](#)

**FERPA - Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act**

[FERPA](#)

[Directory Information - Notice to Parents](#)

**COPPA - Children's Online Privacy Protection Act**

[Children's Privacy - Federal Trade Commission](#)

[COPPA Update for Families](#)

[COPPA Regulations - 2012 Update](#)

[COPPA - FAQs](#)

[2012 FTC Chairman Note](#)

[Keeping up on COPPA](#)

[An Educators Guide to COPPA - Video](#)

If you have any questions please contact MPS Educational Technology Director, [AJ Melanson](#).

Warm regards,

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