

Manheim Township School District



Parental Consent for Online Educational Services

(For any student **under the age of 13** to access educational online sites and applications)

August 31, 2018

Dear Parent or Guardian,

With the distribution and access of iPads comes an exciting world of instructional opportunities and strategies to engage our students in the 21st-century learning skills of communication, collaboration, critical-thinking, and creativity. The purpose of this letter is to explain the process and to familiarize you with the *Children's Online Privacy Protection Act* (COPPA). COPPA requires that some web-based sites and application providers obtain verifiable parental consent for **children under the age of 13** to use these web-based tools. The Manheim Township School District is committed to the safety of our students, especially when it comes to students using online resources. To this end, we will be teaching students about appropriate online behavior including cyberbullying and the disclosure of personal information.

We also recognize that there are excellent online resources that benefit the students by providing unique learning and educational experiences. Notably, interactive web resources provide some of the most compelling and engaging educational tools for students. While allowing access to these interactive online educational resources, we also want to balance the protection of your child's online privacy and personal information. Teachers, curriculum departments, and an app vetting committee review the apps and sites requested and review the privacy statements. We want to ensure that the sites and applications are going to be used for educational purposes and enhance the curriculum through student engagement. The district has a list of approved apps and online resources that are essential to our educational programming. These services may provide teachers with student data or results for educational purposes and planning.

Sincerely,
Anthony Aldinger
Director of Instructional Technology



MTSD Applications and Interactive Online Resources

<https://www.mtwp.net/about/technology/apps-websites/>

The link above includes a list of applications and interactive online resources that have been approved for use by our district for the 2018-2019 school year. **This list of approved websites and apps is updated regularly. Parents and Guardians should check back regularly at the above URL to stay up to date on the latest apps and websites approved for use across the District.** Each site listed provides a link to a privacy policy which describes how or if the site collects and/or uses data. We encourage you to visit the website and review the privacy policy for how student data is used. Another excellent resource for examining the privacy policies of applications is *Common Sense Media* <<https://privacy.commonsense.org>>.

To be completed by Parent or Guardian:

I give **CONSENT** for my student to access the web-based sites, tools, and applications listed on <https://www.mtwp.net/about/technology/apps-websites/> that require parental permission.

I do **NOT** give consent for my student to access the web-based sites, tools, and applications listed on <https://www.mtwp.net/about/technology/apps-websites/> that require parental permission.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR CHILD'S HOMEROOM TEACHER ASAP.

Student Name (Print) _____

Grade _____ Teacher _____

Parent Guardian Name (Print) _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____