

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Greenville County Schools believes that technology is an important resource for enhancing the education of students with the most effective web-based tools and applications for learning. To provide students with access to web-based resources, school systems must abide by federal regulations that require parent/guardian consent as outlined below.

Several third-party computer software applications and web-based services are utilized by our schools. These include Edmodo, Google Apps for Education, Office 365 for Education, and other similar educational programs. A list of the programs with the terms of use and privacy policy for each can be found at: <http://www.greenville.k12.sc.us/Parents/main.asp?titleid=coppa>.

In order for students to use these third-party software programs and services, certain personal identifying information - the student's name, GCS email address and GCS user name - must be provided to the web site operators. Under federal law, these websites must provide parental notification and obtain verifiable parental consent before collecting personal information from children (Federal Trade Commission – Children's Online Privacy Protection Act "COPPA"). The law permits school districts to obtain this consent thereby eliminating the need for each website operator to request parental consent.

This form will constitute consent for Greenville County Schools to provide personal identifying information for your child consisting of only first name, last name, GCS email address and GCS username to the operators of web-based educational programs and services.

Please be advised that without receipt of this signed form we cannot provide your student any educational resources offered by web-based educational programs and services.

Student Name:

Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print):

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date:

Each employee, student or non-student user of Greenville County Schools (GCS) information system is expected to be familiar with and follow the expectations and requirements of Board Policy and Administrative Rule EFE – Acceptable Use of Technology. This document is available for review at <http://www.greenville.k12.sc.us/Departments/main.asp?titleid=etsaup>.