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Dear Parent(s),

The Laboratory Schools plan to use a variety of online learning tools during the 2021-2022 school year. Before the school year, we wanted to make you aware of federal and state laws and regulations that apply to the use of technology to support classrooms.

This year will be a year of transition as new standards impacting the educational technology in our classrooms come into effect under the new state law, the Student Online Personal Protection Act or SOPPA. A website describing SOPPA is available at <https://education.illinoisstate.edu/labschools/policies/soppa.php>. You should be aware that there may be changes in use of apps during the school year in response to these new requirements.

Federal and state laws protect student educational information, including information like student login names, test and quiz data, or other metrics in a program that may be submitted to an education technology provider in an app. The federal Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and the Illinois School Student Records Act (ISSRA) include privacy protections that govern student information and grant students and parents rights regarding student educational records. Under FERPA and ISSRA, the Laboratory Schools need parental consent to use an app because some tools call for students to submit personally identifiable information and some online tools or applications may permit your student's educational records or identity to be viewed or shared by the provider and/or to other participants as part of the educational service. Under the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA), these websites and applications must provide parental notification and obtain parental consent before collecting personally identifying information from minors under the age of 13. For more information on COPPA, please visit <http://www.ftc.gov/privacy/coppafaqs.shtm>.

Please take a moment to look at the websites and applications we would like to use for instructional purposes, as well as what personal information they may collect. We will have your student use his or her District-provided email account for this.

Websites and Applications with Terms of Service Link:

Grades PreK-2: [Typingclub.com](#), [Seesaw](#), [Code.org](#), [Raz-Kids](#), [IXL](#), [Google Suite for Education](#), [Flipgrid](#), [Artsonia](#), [EPIC](#), [Class Dojo](#), [Starfall](#), [Scholastic News](#), [Quaver.com](#), [Book Creator](#), [Zoom](#)

Grades 3-4: [Typingclub.com](#), [Seesaw](#), [Code.org](#), [Raz-Kids](#), [IXL](#), [Google Suite for Education](#), [Flipgrid](#), [Artsonia](#), [Class Dojo](#), [Go Guardian](#), [EPIC!](#), [Pear Deck](#), [Moby Max](#), [BrainPop](#), [Kahoot](#), [Newsela](#), [Khan Academy](#), [Scholastic News](#), [Time for Kids](#), [Quizizz](#), [Freckle](#), [Bloxels EDU](#), [Book Creator](#), [Quaver](#), [Zoom](#)

Grades 5-8: [Seesaw](#), [Code.org](#), [IXL](#), [Google Suite for Education](#), [Office 365](#), [Flipgrid](#), [Artsonia](#), [Minecraft Education Edition](#), [Go Guardian](#), [EPIC!](#), [Pear Deck](#), [Moby Max](#), [BrainPop](#), [Classcraft](#), [SmartMusic](#), [Quizizz](#), [Kahoot](#), [Adobe Spark](#), [Xello-Careercruising](#), [Explore Learning](#), [Defined STEM](#), [Newsela](#), [CK12](#), [Khan Academy](#), [Read Write Extension](#), [Grammarly Extension](#), [Wunderlist Extension](#), [Adobe Suite](#), [Office 365](#), [Desmos](#), [CPM Online Textbook](#), [GimKit](#), [Quaver](#), [EdPuzzle](#), [No Red Ink](#), [CommonLit](#), [Scholastic](#), [WeVideo](#), [Music First](#), [Scope](#), [Zoom](#)



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After reviewing these materials, **please acknowledge for each child** through online registration. This will serve as your permission for your student to have access to the websites and apps listed, as well as your permission for teachers to enter your student's information into the application functionality. If there are specific applications you do not grant permission to use, please send a written notice identifying the apps to Dr. Surian. If your child is not able to access specific apps, then an alternative resource or instructional content will be provided for activities involving the app. This permission will expire at the end of the school year and can be revoked at any time.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact [Kristi Sutter](#) for more information.

Sincerely,

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