

RSU18 COPPA Compliance Parental Consent



Regional School Unit 18 (RSU18) is committed to providing students with the most effective web-based tools and applications for learning. In order to do so, we abide by federal regulations that require parental consent as outlined below.

As required by the Child Internet Protection Act (CIPA), RSU18 has technology measures and policies in place which protect students from harmful materials. Email and websites are filtered in attempt to block inappropriate sites. For more information on CIPA, please visit: <http://www.fcc.gov/guides/childrens-internet-protection-act>.

Our district utilizes several computer software applications and web-based services operated by third parties. In order for our students to use these programs and services, certain basic information (generally student name, username, and email address) must be provided to the website operator. Under the federal Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) law, these websites must notify parents and obtain parental consent before collecting information from children under 13 years of age. For more information on COPPA, please visit <http://www.ftc.gov/privacy/coppafaqs.shtml>.

The law permits schools, such as those in RSU18, to consent to the collection of this information on behalf of all of its students. When email addresses are utilized, it is important to note that students in grades K-6 can only email RSU18 staff members from their school accounts and cannot receive email from any outside email address. Outside individuals and companies will not be able to communicate with children in these grades.

Under the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA), verifiable parental consent is required for students under the age of thirteen (13) if accounts containing this information are created for them on third party websites or online services. Limited information for your child consisting of first name, last name, birth date, username and email address may be provided to the online resource for the purpose of securing confidential credentials and access for the student. This information will remain confidential and will not be shared except for providing online programs solely for the benefit of students and the school system. RSU 18 does not willingly allow the use of any apps/online services that use student data for commercial use.

Student Name _____ Student ID _____

Please check the appropriate box below.

I give permission for Regional School Unit 18 to use accounts for my student in the above mentioned services.

I DO NOT give permission for Regional School Unit 18 to use accounts for my student in the above mentioned services.

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____