

Litchfield School District Student COPPA Compliance Form

Dear Parents/Guardians of school-aged children under the age of 13,

In order for the Litchfield School District to continue to provide your student(s) with effective 21st Century web-based applications, programs, and tools we are federally required, under the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA), to have signed parental consent due to the factors outlined below.

The Litchfield School District has implemented many online services such as Google G Suite for Education, Project Lead The Way, NWEA, Journeys, and more (a complete list of these services is found on our website at <http://www.litchfieldsd.org/OnlineSoftwareList.aspx>). These accounts will be used for school related learning, work, and projects. In order to set up accounts for your student(s) we usually need to provide information such as their name and school account (usually username@litchfieldsd.org). This information is considered personally identifiable information (or PII), and to be compliant with guidelines we are required to notify you and request consent.

Trusted third parties cannot freely use your student(s) data as they also need to be COPPA compliant. For more information about business guidelines please visit the website below:

<https://www.ftc.gov/tips-advice/business-center/guidance/complying-coppa-frequently-asked-questions>

Your student's privacy is one of our highest concerns and we make sure that the services we use feel the same way. For instance, G Suite for Education is a separate offering than Gmail for consumers and it provides additional security, administrative and archive controls for education, and they require parental approval for students that are under 13. Without parent/guardian approval below, we will have to suspend the student's G Suite account, which may impact certain classroom projects, assignments, and learning experiences.

G Suite for Education offers dozens of security features specifically designed to keep students' data safe, secure and private. In particular, G Suite for Education is governed by a detailed Privacy Policy (<http://www.google.com/edu/privacy.html>) which ensures that Google will not share or otherwise use personal information that is placed in the system. This permission form allows the school to act as an agent for parents in the collection of information within the school context and provide it to the approved third parties.

For more information on COPPA please visit the FTC's website below or contact your student's school:

<https://www.ftc.gov/enforcement/rules/rulemaking-regulatory-reform-proceedings/childrens-online-privacy-protection-rule>

COPPA Parent Agreement

Select one:

- I understand the Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA). I give permission for Litchfield School District to assign a Google G Suite for Education account and any other account that is for educational purposes.

- I do not give permission for my child to be assigned a Google G Suite for Education account or any other account that is for educational purposes.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____