

Seventh and Eighth Grade Permission to Access Educational Web Sites

Myrtle Grove Middle School's vision and mission stress the importance of creating an atmosphere that promotes 21st century learning. One facet of this expectation is using educational web sites that enhance students' knowledge and enable them to employ 21st century skills.

The Federal Government enacted the COPPA (Children's Online Privacy Protection Act) to protect the privacy of children under 13 years of age. This act requires that parental permission be obtained before students can access these sites. We are sending this form to you so that you may grant your child access to these approved learning sites.

Our teachers have found particular educational value in the sites listed below. **Please visit each site's link to read individual terms of service. Once you have read each site's terms, sign and return the form below to your child's homebase teacher. If you do not return this signed form, your child will not be able to access these sites at school.**

Educational Sites

Google Docs--Allows the user to create documents on line and share them with teachers and fellow students.

<http://www.google.com/accounts/TOS>

Edmodo: Free and secure social learning network for teachers, students and schools. Edmodo provides classrooms a safe and easy way to connect and collaborate, offering a real-time platform to exchange ideas, share content, and access homework and school notices.

<http://www.edmodo.com/corporate/terms-of-service>

Animoto: Allows the user to turn photos and music into stunning video slideshows. You provide the photos, you pick the song, and Animoto puts them together. <http://animoto.com/legal/terms>

Gaggle: Well monitored email accounts for students. <https://www.gaggle.net/home/safety/>

Glogster: Interactive site that allows students to create online posters to display their work instead of the one-dimensional poster board of yesterday. <http://edu.glogster.com/terms-of-use/>

Voice Thread: A collaborative multimedia slide show that allows users to navigate slides and leave comments. <http://voicethread.com/terms-of-use/>

Prezi -- Prezi is cloud-based presentation software that allows students to progress past basic PowerPoint to create dynamic presentations at school. **Prezi is our only site that requires students to be 18.** <http://prezi.com/terms-of-use/>

I give my son/daughter, _____, permission to access the above mentioned web sites.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

_____ I do not have access to the Internet and request the written terms of use for each site be sent home with my child.

If you have any questions, please contact our Computer Resource Teacher, Mrs. Long, lauris.long@nhcs.net, 910-350-2100, ext. 432.