

Sixth Grade Permission to Access Educational Web Sites

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

The Federal Government enacted the COPPA (Children's Online Privacy Protection Act) to protect the privacy of children less than 13 years of age. This act requires that parental permission be obtained before students can access these sites. Since the majority of students in sixth and seventh grades are under 13 years of age, we are sending this permission form to sixth and seventh grade parents/guardians so that your child can access these sites with your permission.

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

Sites

Prezi --Allows the students to progress past basic PowerPoint presentations. Prezi is a cloud-based presentation software that opens up a new world between whiteboards and slides. <http://prezi.com/terms-of-use/>

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 is a 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 --an interactive site that allows students to create online posters to display their work instead of the one-dimensional poster board of old <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/termsfuse/>

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 Mrs. Long, lauris.long@nhcs.net, 910-350-2100 ext. 432.