

Annual Notice: Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA)

The Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) applies to commercial companies and website operators that knowingly collect personal information from children under 13. The goal of COPPA is to place parents in control over what information is collected from their young children online and requires parental consent before such information can be disclosed. With permission, schools may also act as an agent for the parents when disclosing information in an educational context.

Gilbert Community School District contracts with some vendors, including Google, that require parental consent under COPPA. Teachers may also design lessons that involve the use of online tools which also require consent under COPPA. The disclosure of student information by district staff is subject to local, state, and federal policy including the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). No student data will be collected or disclosed for commercial purposes. The district is requesting your permission to collect, use, and disclose your child's data under COPPA to the extent necessary to achieve the goals of our educational program.