

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Every year students at Lancaster Mennonite School use a variety of online applications integral to their educational experience. In order for students to use these sites in an educational environment, certain types of personal information must be collected by the site. This information is typically the student's first and last name and school provided email address or username.



Some common tools that your child may use this year include, but are not limited to, the following:

- **Google Apps:** Google Apps for Education offers free web-based tools that facilitate collaboration and communication among students and teachers when creating, sharing, and storing documents and assignments online.
- **Reflex Math:** Reflex Math helps students of all ability levels to develop fluency with their basic facts in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.
- **Raz-Kids/Reading A-Z:** Raz-Kids offers hundreds of books that engage students with animation and sound effects as they listen to fluent reading, record their own reading for practice, and take quizzes on what they read.
- **Animoto:** Animoto provides an array of tools for creating videos in the classroom.
- **Thinglink:** ThingLink interactive images help students develop 21st century skills and enrich their enthusiasm for learning.
- **Discovery Education:** Discovery Education accelerates school districts' digital transition through comprehensive standards-based content, professional development, formative assessment, and community engagement proven to positively impact student achievement.
- **CultureGrams:** CultureGrams links students to cultural information that's written, reviewed and regularly updated by in-country experts.
- **Brainpop:** Brainpop is a group of educational websites with over 1,000 short animated movies, together with quizzes and related materials, covering the subjects of science, social studies, English, mathematics, engineering and technology, health, and arts and music.

Expectations for Use

Lancaster Mennonite School recognizes that educational technology provides a valuable resource for students. Students are encouraged to use electronic school resources to enhance academic curriculum. Access to a broad, diverse body of material such as provided via the Internet allows students to increase the breadth and depth of their learning, while encouraging perspective-taking at the local and global level.

All use of these tools must be used in accordance with LMS's Acceptable and Responsible Use Policy, even if students do the work outside of school. Students are responsible for good behavior/character online just like

they are in our school building. Students are not permitted to use obscene, profane, threatening, or disrespectful language. Students should notify the teacher (at school) or a parent (at home) of anything inappropriate. Bullying will be addressed immediately.

We encourage you to visit these websites and review the privacy policy for how student data, if any, is used. The approved educational websites that are listed are compliant with the Children's Online Privacy and Protection Act (COPPA) and are thoroughly researched before approval.

Some of these approved websites and programs require registration prior to use. For students under the age of 13, we need to have an understanding of parental consent before registering students as users on these sites. LMS will follow all recommendations in the Children's Online Privacy and Protection Act (COPPA) when establishing student accounts. **If you do not approve** of your student using online resources that require registration, please indicate this on this form and return to the campus. Otherwise, no action is needed.

Denial form to use online resources that require registration

___ I choose **not** to give my student permission to use an educational online resource that requires registration. I understand that by declining to participate in these services, my child will be excluded from certain online activities that teachers have determined support valuable learning goals. (the student and teacher will need to seek alternate learning activities)

Date _____

Student name _____

Parent Signature_____

Return to your student's teacher **immediately** if you decline your student using resources that require registration. If you consent to your child using online resources that are approved by LMS, do not return this form.