

## INTERNET USE FOR STUDENTS UNDER AGE 13

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Date: Nov. 2017

As you may be aware, the Hawthorne School District utilizes various computer software applications and web-based services to provide educational services to our students. These services are operated not by the District, but by third-party website operators, such as Google. A complete list of the programs presently utilized by our District, along with links to their privacy policies and terms of service, may be found on the District's website at [www.hawthorne.k12.nj.us](http://www.hawthorne.k12.nj.us) under Educational Apps & Websites.

When our students use these online educational programs and services, certain personal information, generally a student's name, email address and/or screen or user name, must be provided to each website operator. This information is necessary to allow web-based service providers to develop and provide appropriate services for each student. To protect the privacy rights of young children, the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act ("COPPA") requires these website operators to provide parental notification and obtain parental consent before collecting personal information from children under the age of 13.

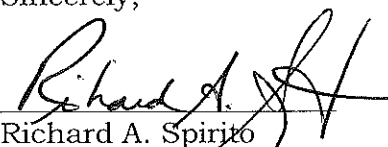
COPPA, however, permits districts to consent to the collection of personal information on behalf of students under the age of 13, thereby eliminating the need for parental consent to be given individually to the website operator. In an effort to streamline the provision of web-based educational services to our students, the District has provided consent on behalf of all students under the age of 13 in the District.

Please note that the District is permitted to consent only to the collection of personal information from students under the age of 13 for educational purposes and not for any commercial purpose. Therefore, any website operator from whom our students receive educational services who receives personal information from our students is prohibited from disclosing any of that information to other third parties.

If you have any concerns regarding the provision of personally identifiable information to these web-based service providers, kindly note that you permitted at any time to request to view the personal information collected from your child by the website operator. If you do not wish for this information to be continuously stored, you may also contact the website operator and request the deletion of any personal information maintained by the provider with regard to your child.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
Richard A. Spirito  
Superintendent of Schools