

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As Pinnacle Schools continues to integrate more technology through the adoption of new devices, software, and online tools, it is imperative that every student who will be utilizing online technology at Pinnacle Schools must have a signed technology disclaimer/consent form on file.

Students will engage with a variety of online web applications to enhance their learning experience. While the education community supports the use of such applications in our institutions, many of the Terms of Service and/or Privacy Policies of these applications stipulate that, in compliance with Federal and State Law, users under the age of 13 must obtain explicit parental permission to access their sites, often requiring an email address.

All websites and tools undergo a thorough examination by experienced educators. While many of these tools are commonly employed in education today, new tools emerge continually. Common web application tools your child may encounter and utilize include, but are not limited to (most of which necessitate an email account for usage): MStar Learning Support Platform (LSP), MStar Student Centric Adaptive Learning Ecosystem (SCALE), Mobile Apps, Microsoft Office, Gmail, various Networks, Blogs, Podcasts, Videos, Social Bookmarking, and other web tools.

Given the instrumental role of these applications in curriculum development, we kindly request that you and your child review the permission form below and complete it accordingly. Should your expectations change, written notification is required. Should you choose not to grant permission for your child to use these web application tools, alternative assignments will be provided.

### **Student Information:**

Students are expected to exhibit good behavior and character online, mirroring the standards upheld within our school premises. The use of obscene, profane, threatening, or disrespectful language is strictly prohibited. Students are encouraged to promptly notify their teacher of any inappropriate content encountered. Bullying, in any form, will not be tolerated.

Copyright infringement occurs when an individual reproduces copyrighted work without permission from the creator. If a user is uncertain about the permissibility of material usage, permission from the copyright owner should be sought.

All utilization of web application tools must adhere to the Internet Safety and Technology Policy.

**Parent /Guardian Information:**

Various laws and policies are in place to safeguard our students online:

Arizona Revised Statutes 15-1046 mandates local education agencies to adopt policies regarding the use of technology and the internet while at school. This includes notifying parents of the adopted policies and granting them the authority to restrict their child's access to technology and the internet at school.

Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA): CIPA mandates that the school implements technology measures and policies to shield students from harmful materials, including those that are obscene and pornographic. Any harmful content within inappropriate sites will be blocked.

Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA): COPPA pertains to commercial companies and limits their ability to collect personal information from children under 13 years of age. No personal student information is collected for commercial purposes.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA): FERPA safeguards the privacy of student education records and grants parents the right to review these records. Under FERPA, schools may disclose directory information in certain circumstances.

We appreciate your cooperation and commitment to ensuring a safe and enriching educational environment for all our students.

Sincerely,

Charter Representative  
Pinnacle Schools