PowerSchool
Student Internet Permission Instructions

Purpose: Several third-party computer software applications and web-based services are utilized by our schools. These include Edmodo, Google Apps for Education, Office 365 for Education, and other similar educational programs.

In order for students to use these third-party software programs and services, certain personal identifying information - the student's name, GCS email address and GCS user name - must be provided to the web site operators.

Under federal law, these websites must provide parental notification and obtain verifiable parental consent before collecting personal information from children (Federal Trade Commission – Children's Online Privacy Protection Act "COPPA"). The law permits school districts to obtain this consent thereby eliminating the need for each website operator to request parental consent.

PowerSchool Instructions:

Unless the school has received a signed permission form from the parent the student is not permitted to access any COPPA compliant Internet based web site or mobile app.

1. Select a Student
2. From the Home page, on the Navigation Menu, under the Information heading, click Custom Screens.
3. On the Navigation Menu, click GCS Student Information.
4. On the GCS Student Information page, choose the appropriate option (see below) from the drop-down list in the Internet Permission field.

- **YES** – A signed permission form is on file.
- **NO** – A signed permission form has not been received.

Notes: A signed permission form is only needed one time and does not need to be annually renewed.

COPPA is used to protect children under the age of 13. However, many web sites require verifiable parental permission for all minors (under the age of 18).

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) rules still apply and only directory information may be shared with the web site operator in accordance with the annual opt-out notification. Students who "opt-out" are listed as "Total Restriction" under Student Directory Information in PowerSchool and none of the student's directory information may be shared. Consult Board Rule JR (Student Records) for a list of directory information items.

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Greenville County Schools believes that technology is an important resource for enhancing the education of students with the most effective web-based tools and applications for learning. To provide students with access to web-based resources, school systems must abide by federal regulations that require parent/guardian consent as outlined below.

Several third-party computer software applications and web-based services are utilized by our schools. These include Edmodo, Google Apps for Education, Office 365 for Education, and other similar educational programs. A list of the programs with the terms of use and privacy policy for each can be found at: http://www.greenville.k12.sc.us/Parents/main.asp?titleid=coppa.

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This form will constitute consent for Greenville County Schools to provide personal identifying information for your child consisting of only first name, last name, GCS email address and GCS username to the operators of web-based educational programs and services.

Please be advised that without receipt of this signed form we cannot provide your student any educational resources offered by web-based educational programs and services.

Student Name:

Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print):

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date:

Each employee, student or non-student user of Greenville County Schools (GCS) information system is expected to be familiar with and follow the expectations and requirements of Board Policy and Administrative Rule EFE – Acceptable Use of Technology. This document is available for review at http://www.greenville.k12.sc.us/Departments/main.asp?titleid=etsaup.