

## Annual Web 2.0 Educational Applications Consent and Student Privacy

The Lower Moreland Township School District uses network access, the internet, Internet applications and Web 2.0 tools for educational purposes. As a part of learning K-12, a variety of online Web 2.0 applications are used as a resource to enhance the curriculum. Using web 2.0 tools is an essential component of teaching and learning in today's world. Using these resources, students may collaboratively create, edit, and share files and websites for school-related projects. Many services are online and available 24/7 from any internet-connected device and are key tools in aiding students and teachers in the development of 21st Century teaching and learning skills.

Although these applications are widely used by the education community and support their use in K-12 institutions, their Terms of Services state that due to Federal Law any users under the age of 13 must obtain explicit parental permission to use their sites. As these sites are instrumental in the development of our curriculum, we are requesting your parental permission for your K-12 child to use the following:

- Network access on district wired and wireless devices.
- Per the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), Internet access is filtered on district wired and wireless devices, as well as personal wireless devices if connected to the district wireless network.
- Personal devices brought into the schools or any school activities, not connected to the district's wireless network, are not filtered.
- Per the district's Acceptable Use Policy, students who use district and/or personal devices must act in a manner consistent with school, district, and legal guidelines.
- Internet applications used for educational purposes. A list of the commonly used web 2.0 tools currently used in the district can be found at [www.lmtsd.org/web2.0](http://www.lmtsd.org/web2.0) Terms of use links for each Web 2.0 tool can be found at this link as well.

### Student Privacy and Safety

In the interest of students' safety and privacy online, the following protections will be in place for our use of Web 2.0 online resources used in the district:

- No individual or identifiable "profiles" will be used.
- No confidential/personal information should be will be posted with these services
- Only students, parents, and staff members with a related interest will be able to see the work created on the Web 2.0 tools
- Everything created with these applications is subject to teacher approval and/or deletion.
- If a whole-class account is used, a student's work will be viewable by other children, parents, and staff members

### Rules for Web 2.0 Applications

- Parents should discuss this annual Web 2.0 Educational Application consent with their children. Consent means that the student and parent understand and will follow this agreement.
- No student may change or delete the work of another student without permission from both that student and the teacher.
- The teacher will make every reasonable effort to monitor conduct using this tool in order to maintain a positive learning community. All students and guests will respect each other's work.
- No student or guest may include any information or pictures on the tool that might be unsafe for our class members.
- Everyone will be respectful in what they create. No trash-talk, bad language, insults, bullying, or rude wording in projects or comments
- All students must protect the class or personal login and password. If you think a password is no longer secret, tell the teacher right away.
- If you know that someone has broken these rules, you must report it to the teacher right away.
- All use of these tools must be used in accordance with the school's Acceptable Use Policy, even if you do the work from computers outside of school
- Use of copyrighted materials (such as pictures you find on the web) must be done with proper credit. Check to be sure you know how to do this correctly.

The district realizes that new Web 2.0 tools may be created and may be requested to be used within the curriculum by our teachers. As new Web 2.0 tools are approved to be used within the curriculum, they will be added to the list of web 2.0 tools found at [www.lmtsd.org/web2.0](http://www.lmtsd.org/web2.0) . If the Web 2.0 Term of Services states the explicit parental permission must be obtained, the classroom teacher using the new resource will provide a separate permission request to the parents such as the one below.

**Consequences**

All users are required to abide by the Lower Moreland Township School District Acceptable Use Policy when using any Web 2.0 Applications. If a user engages in any inappropriate or illegal activity while using these services, the user risks discipline and/or having the use of these services suspended or removed.

## Parent Permission Letter: Web 2.0 Tools in the Classroom

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Date

Web 2.0 tools are applications available on the web that facilitate online learning, publishing, and collaborating. Our class will be using web 2.0 tools as a part of their learning experience. These tools have been selected for the sole purpose of promoting and supporting the learning goals of this class.

We will be utilizing the following web 2.0 tools:

<b>Web 2.0 Tool</b>	<b>Classroom Learning Goal</b>
Name, web address	Goal

I, \_\_\_\_\_, give permission for my child, \_\_\_\_\_  
to utilize these tools for classroom learning.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_