

Dear Parents of School-Aged Children Under the Age of 13,

In order for The Vanguard School to continue to provide your student with the most effective tools to enhance their learning, teachers and librarians may use educational web-based programs and applications. Many of the Terms of Service and Privacy Policies of these applications state that, due to Federal Law, any users under the age of 13 must obtain parental permission to use their sites.

The Vanguard School uses the following third party software applications and web-based programs that require a student's personal identifying information in order to create a student account:

- Open Library
- Storybird
- Think Central
- Tween Tribune
- Typing Club
- Write About

Based on the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA), these third party software applications and web-based programs must provide parental notification and obtain parental consent before collecting personal information from children under the age of 13. However, the law permits schools such as ours to consent to the collection of personal information on behalf of all of its students, thereby eliminating the need for individual parent and legal guardian consent given directly to the online provider.

In order for our students to use these software applications and web-based programs identified above, please complete the below information providing consent for The Vanguard School to provide personal identifying information for your child consisting of first name, last name, email address, birth month and year, and/or username. Check the OPT-IN box below if you consent. Check the OPT-OUT box below if you do NOT want your child to utilize these programs requesting personally identifiable information. Please return to your child's homeroom teacher.

For more information on COPPA, please visit:

<https://www.ftc.gov/tips-advice/business-center/guidance/complying-coppa-frequently-asked-questions>

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The list below highlights websites, online services and apps used by The Vanguard School that collect student data.

| Vendor | Product | Contact | Student Data Required | Privacy Policy |
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| Internet Archive | Open Library | https://openlibrary.org/ | Email Address Username | https://archive.org/about/terms.php |
| Storybird | Storybird- Visual Storytelling | http://storybird.com/ | Email Address Username | http://storybird.com/privacy/ |
| Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company | Think Central | https://www-k6.thinkcentral.com/ePC/start.do | First Initial Last Name | http://www.hmhco.com/common/privacy-policy-for-k-12-learning-platforms |
| TTribune | Tween Tribune | https://www.tweentribune.com/ | Username | https://www.tweentribune.com/privacy/ |
| Ed Club, Inc | Typing Club | https://vanguard.typingclub.com/ | Username or Email Address | https://www.typingclub.com/privacy/html |
| RSA Group (dba Write About) | Write About | https://www.writeabout.com/ | Initials Birth Month and Year | https://www.writeabout.com/privacy/ |