

## **Addison Central School District**

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Addison Central School District strives to always put our students' needs and educational goals first. This is especially true when it comes to protecting our students' data and personally identifiable information.

In order for our students to reach their learning goals, it is our job to provide them with the most effective educational programs. Some of our most effective practices include the use of well-vetted software programs to help our staff foster the best opportunities for learning. The software programs Addison Central School District subscribes to may require specific student data capture within the program itself. This data capture allows students to individualize their learning and experience differentiated instruction targeted to the specific needs of your child. The software companies we utilize are required by law to adhere to specific policies and procedures protecting student information.

Examples of our software programs that include student data, but are not limited to, are Schoology, Office 365, Edmentum, STAR, Study Island, Castle Learning, Front Row, and Discovery Education. These programs and others like it are used solely to enhance student learning and prepare our students for the future that awaits them once they have graduated from ACSD. Our goal is provide students with opportunities to develop the skills that they need no matter what their pathway. Please note, these companies are not authorized to sell your child's information, nor solicit their families for any marketing or commercial gains.

Addison Central School District only contracts with companies who abide by the following laws that protect student privacy: Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), Children's Online Privacy and Protection Act (COPPA), and the New York State Education Law 2D. The ACSD Parent's Bill of Rights for Data Privacy and Security, informing you of your rights, can be found on our website at <a href="http://www.addisoncsd.org/Page/82">http://www.addisoncsd.org/Page/82</a>. Opting out may be possible in some instances concerning our software programs. Please contact Heidi Van Woert for further information.

## **Contact Information:**

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