

Administrative Memo

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To: School Administrators
From: Stacey Preis, Deputy Commissioner, Division of Learning Services
Subject: LS-15-001 - New Guidance to Help Protect Student Privacy in Educational Sites and Apps

Recently, the U.S. Department of Education released [model terms of service guidance](#) through its Privacy Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) to help schools identify which online educational services and apps have strong privacy and data security policies to protect students.

The PTAC, working with the Department of Education's Family Policy Compliance office, has developed a new checklist document that provides a framework for evaluating online educational tools' Terms of Service Agreements. This document is intended to assist users in understanding how a given online service or app will collect, use and/or transmit user information so that they can then decide whether or not to sign up.

The new guidance will help school officials decide what's right for their school(s) and students.

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