

## DDSB Online Learning and Student Privacy -- Sept 24, 2020

In order to support our students, DDSB educators will be connecting and interacting with their students through two main online learning platforms: Google Classroom and D2L Brightspace. These learning platforms provide a variety of ways for students to create and share assignments with their teachers and peers, view learning resources and interact with their classmates. In the course of their online learning, DDSB students may also be asked to join a video classroom through D2L, Google Meet or Microsoft Teams.

Teachers at the DDSB choose approved online learning applications for their teaching which best meet the learning needs of their students. While students work with their teachers online, please know that the DDSB takes the confidentiality of our students, their work products and their privacy extremely seriously.

Google Classroom, Google Meet, D2L Brightspace, and Microsoft Teams are all DDSB approved platforms. Security and privacy settings for each of these platforms are managed centrally by our IT department to mitigate privacy and confidentiality risks. Teachers have the discretion to use other DDSB approved applications within their learning environments. We are enthusiastic about the ability of our teachers to engage with our pupils using online tools and resources. These tools, like any online tools and resources, may give rise to some confidentiality and privacy considerations. For example, some applications may record likenesses, store copies of online work or share work or likeness with classmates or teachers.

We encourage you to learn more about these matters by visiting the privacy policies of the on-line tools utilized by the teacher. A full list of DDSB approved online tools may be viewed on the DDSB website. (<https://www.ddsb.ca/en/family-and-community-support/online-safety-and-digital-citizenship.aspx>)

For easy reference, we are providing the following links to the privacy policies of some of main online tools that our teachers might utilize:

[https://gsuite.google.com/terms/education\\_privacy.html](https://gsuite.google.com/terms/education_privacy.html)

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-ca/education/it-pro/security-solutions>

<https://www.d2l.com/legal/privacy/>

Please note that the DDSB will not be capturing, requesting, collecting or storing any video, audio or transcripts in relation to any online learning activities. In keeping with our district-wide school practice, taking photos and recording audio or video of online classes or related activities is strictly prohibited unless approved in advance by DDSB staff. Any collection of information by the DDSB will be limited to the work-product, thoughts, expressions, and comments that students provide during or related to classroom sessions, assignments or other online learning activities. The collection, use, disclosure and retention of personal information for this purpose is expressly authorized under the authority of sections 58.5, 170(1) and 171(1) of the Education Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E. 2 and in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M. 56. The purpose of collection is to assist with the education, health and well-being of the student.

Should you have any concerns with respect to any applications or activities that your child is using in course of their, online learning activities, please email your school principal. Questions with respect to the collection of personal information and any associated concerns may be directed to the DDSB's General Counsel by email at [patrick.cotter@ddsb.ca](mailto:patrick.cotter@ddsb.ca).