**Instructions**: This form must be completed and signed by the parent/guardian of a student if supplementary websites/apps/social networking sites (meaning those tools **not** listed on the “FPCS Approved Sites/Apps” list) are used for the purpose of enhancing the learning environment through the classroom, clubs, sports, or school-related competitions.

**NOTE:** The law governing the online privacy and protection of children under the age of 13 is Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA). Below is a brief overview of its purpose. See this link for more information - <http://www.coppa.org/coppa.htm>

“The primary goal of COPPA is to place parents in control over what information is collected from their young children online.  The Rule was designed to protect children under age 13 while accounting for the dynamic nature of the Internet.  The Rule applies to operators of commercial websites and online services (including mobile apps) directed to children under 13 that collect, use, or disclose personal information from children, and operators of general audience websites or online services with actual knowledge that they are collecting, using, or disclosing personal information from children under 13.”  (Information from <https://www.ftc.gov/search/site/coppa>)

What is COPPA?

**Parents:** These supplementary tools are not a requirement, but may be necessary to participate in certain activities such as technology competitions. You, as the parent/guardian, have the right to deny your child’s use of these supplementary tools. They are not monitored by the Fort Payne City School System and are the responsibility of the parent/guardian to give permission for use and monitor in order to ensure the privacy and online safety of your child.

For added safety measures, the following are recommended when creating the account:

* The account be created using a parent email.
* Use the child’s first name and last name initial only.
* Parent/guardian read the privacy policy at the link listed below.
1. **Name of tool to be used: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
2. **Purpose of the tool in the learning environment: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
3. **Link to the tool’s Privacy Policy (informs about what personal information is required to create an account how that information is used): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

I, the parent/guardian, of (name of student) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ understand the information contained in this document and **do give permission** for my child to use the listed tool above.

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| Signature |  |
| Printed Name |  |
| Date |  |