

Privacy policy

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Your Privacy Matters - At the heart of our work in STEM education is one simple truth: everything starts with the learner. Our clients trust us with sensitive, sometimes personal information—often about students—and we understand just how important it is to protect it. We're committed to handling your information with care and respect. This privacy statement walks you through how we collect, use, share, and protect information as we deliver our products and services to you.

Site – www.depcostudio.com

Who We Are - DEPCO Enterprises, LLC, ("DEPCO"). When we refer to "DEPCO," "us," "we," or "our" in this privacy policy, it refers to DEPCO Enterprises, LLC.

Children's Privacy on Our Education Sites

We take students' privacy seriously. On our education sites, we only collect the information needed for students to use our services—things like a username, password, and anything they choose to submit while using the site. For any child under 13, a parent or authorized school official must give permission before we create an account.

Any information we collect from students is managed by—and under the guidance of—their school or educational institution. We count on each school to let parents know when they're using third-party services like DEPCO's education sites. It's also the school's responsibility to get any necessary consent or authorization, as required by the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA).

For children under 13 (or older, if local laws require), a parent or authorized school official must approve the creation of an account.

We collect information only when it's voluntarily given—such as when a child registers for one of our sites or uses our services. This may include:

- **Account Information** – Things like a username, password, and other login details that help keep accounts secure.
- **Basic Personal Details** – Such as first name, last name, and grade level.
- **Work and Activity Submissions** – Our services may let children answer multiple-choice questions, write in open text fields, or record when they've finished an activity or assignment. Sometimes these responses may include personal information.

Anything a student submits can only be seen by:

- The student themselves

- Any student they're partnered with for a shared activity
- Authorized teachers or supervisors

When students use our education sites, we automatically collect some basic technical details about their visit. This does **not** include personal information like names or contact details. Instead, it may include things like:

- The type of device and browser being used
- The operating system and language settings
- IP address and general location (such as country)
- Pages visited or activities completed
- The time and date our services were used

We gather this information using tools like cookies, web beacons, and similar technologies. This helps us keep the sites working well and improve the learning experience.

How We Use Information We Collect from Students

We use the information students provide to help make their learning experience safe, effective, and engaging. This may include:

- **Using Site Features** – Allowing students to access and use the tools, activities, and services on our sites.
- **Personalizing Learning** – Tailoring projects and assignments to fit each student's learning needs and interests.
- **Improving Our Services** – Using anonymized or combined data to see how our sites are used, improve our content, create new features, and ensure our educational tools are effective.
- **Supporting Teachers** – In school accounts, helping teachers track student progress, see completed work, and understand performance.

How We Share Students' Information

We only share information collected from students in very limited situations. We never sell it, and we never share it for unrelated purposes. Information may be shared outside of DEPCO only in the following cases:

- **With Permission** – If we have consent from a parent or the student's school, we may share their personal information for an approved purpose.
- **When Required by Law** – If the law requires it, we may share information to comply with legal requests, court orders, or government inquiries (including national security or law enforcement needs). In some cases, this may mean sharing information outside the child's home country or region.
- **Business Changes** – If DEPCO is involved in a merger, sale, reorganization, or similar business change, students' information may be shared or transferred as part of that process.

How to Contact Us About Children's Privacy

If your child's account is connected to a school or educational institution, please reach out to the school or district administrator first before contacting us directly.

If you'd like to:

- Review the personal information your child has shared with us
- Ask us to stop collecting or using your child's information
- Request that we delete your child's information
- Or have any questions or concerns about this policy

You can contact our **Data Privacy Officer**—who oversees all privacy matters—by emailing **webmaster@depcollc.com** or writing to:

DEPCO Enterprises, LLC

Attn: Data Privacy
PO Box 178
Pittsburg, KS 66762

When you contact us, please include your name, your child's name, and clear instructions about what you'd like us to do regarding your child's information. We do our best to respond as quickly as possible.

If a child reaches out to us with a question about our products or services, we will only collect the personal information needed to respond—and we'll delete or anonymize that information after providing the answer.