



Parent/Guardian Notification: Use of Educational Technology

At the Calgary Board of Education, we believe that thoughtfully chosen digital tools and resources enrich teaching and learning, support student engagement, and prepare students for success in an increasingly digital world. Technology allows students to collaborate, create, and access personalized learning opportunities in ways that extend beyond the classroom.

At the same time, we recognize the importance of protecting student personal information. All digital resources used in our schools must comply with the *Protection of Privacy Act* (POPA) and Administrative Regulation 1061: Responsible Care and Security of Information. These frameworks ensure that student data is collected, stored, and used responsibly.

Before any digital tool or application is introduced, it is carefully vetted by our district to confirm:

- Its educational value for student learning.
- Its compliance with the Alberta *Protection of Privacy Act* (POPA).
- Alignment with district policies, including AR1061.

This means that families can be assured that the applications used in classrooms are appropriate for learning and meet our privacy and security standards. All schools review and post their specific Digital Citizenship plans annually on their website, developing and supporting students' digital competencies, including: being respectful, informed, involved, balanced, being responsible and safe.

Below is a list of the websites and applications that may be used in your child's classroom.

Educational Technology Tools in Use

Software / Application Title	Website Link	Student Information Collected	How This Supports Student Learning
Minecraft for Education	https://education.minecraft.net/	First Name, Last Initial, Email Address	Students build creativity, collaboration, problem-solving, and subject-area understanding through hands-on, curriculum-aligned activities.
Mathletics	https://www.mathletics.com/ca/	First Name, Last Initial, Email Address	Students use curriculum-aligned math activities with immediate feedback that build fluency, conceptual understanding, and confidence through practice and problem-solving.
Reading Eggs	https://readingeggs.ca/	First Name, Last Initial, Email Address	Early learners use engaging, phonics-based lessons, games, and reading activities that build foundational literacy skills, confidence, and a love of reading at each child's own pace.
Scratch	https://scratch.mit.edu/	First Name, Last Initial, Email Address	Scratch supports student learning by fostering creativity, problem-solving, and computational thinking through hands-on, student-driven coding projects.

If you have questions about how your child's information is used or about specific applications, please your child's teacher or the main office.

Together, we are committed to ensuring both the educational benefit of technology and the privacy and safety of our students.