

META and Partners Launch Montana Student Privacy Alliance to Protect Online Student Information



Dear SAM Members,

Montana Educational Technologists Association ([META](#)), SAM, MTSBA and OPI are proud to announce the launch of the Montana Student Privacy Alliance (MTSPA), created to help school districts meet the requirements of [House Bill 745](#) passed by the 2019 Montana Legislature.

META began working on protecting online student information more than two years ago through the META Student Data Privacy Consortium/Terms of Service (META SDPC/TOS) project. Several great Montana technology educators (META members), upon passage of HB 745, ramped up the effort to complete the META SDPC/TOS project and developed partnerships with OPI and MTSBA. MTSBA attorneys reviewed sample terms of service agreements that would comply with the conditions of HB 745 and approved templates that could be compared to sample agreements developed nationally. OPI partnered in providing resources to join the Student Data Privacy Consortium ([SDPC](#)) to provide all Montana schools with access to resources and vetted terms of service agreements. This cooperative effort has formed the [Montana Student Privacy Alliance \(MTSPA\)](#).

The MTSPA provides professional development to help teachers and administrators make informed decisions about the technology being used in the classroom to comply with HB 745 and to help ensure student data privacy is protected. All necessary information, training videos created by META, and links to the [Montana SDPC](#) (where sample vetted agreements are housed) can be found on the [MTSPA website](#) to help schools implement protecting online student information in the most efficient and effective manner possible.

Thank you META and those who have worked diligently on this project for your great work to bring these resources to our schools and to ensure the protection of online student information for the children in our Montana schools!

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