

Schoology Information

Many teachers at the Ephraim Curtis middle school have selected [Schoology](#) as their platform for classroom management and collaboration. This online tool offers a number of compelling [features](#) that make it a great complement for organizing the workflow of documents, conducting assessments and facilitating online discussions in a 1:1 environment. The endorsement of the product's versatility, however, is really the success that our teachers had in using it during the 1:1 pilot that conducted with the 6th grade Lime Team during the 2013-2014 school year.

In January 2014, Schoology revised their [Privacy Policy](#) in order to more clearly articulate their compliance with federal laws that protect student data privacy. One provision on that in this Privacy Policy states

You must obtain Consent from all parents whose children under 13 will be accessing Schoology and provide a copy to us upon our request. For more information on COPPA, please see www.ftc.gov/privacy.

Please read the [Privacy Policy](#), print this page and sign the bottom to indicate your consent in using this tool.

After returning this signed page to school, your child's teacher will be able to provide you with a code for joining their online classroom. **In addition to your child registering for the class, we would like a parent to also join.** We understand that the fast pace of changing technology and concerns about what students are doing online is a concern to all parents, and your membership in the class will let you see how teachers are using this resource.

Finally, note that the Sudbury Public Schools has adopted a new username format in online resources as a prudent measure beyond simple compliance with data privacy laws. From Google Apps for Education, to online Wikis, to Raz Kids, etc. student usernames now look like this, "thomr23", and rather than this, "Mary Thomas." We continue that cautious username pattern in Schoology. Student names are only used internally within the password-protected environment of the online classroom where it is important that teachers be able to collect assignments, keep a grade book and monitor student discussions.

I have read the Schoology [Privacy Policy](#) and consent to my child using this resource as part of their academic work in the Sudbury Public Schools.

Student Name

Home Room Teacher

Parent Name

Parent Signature, Date