

PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION FOR ALL ONLINE PROGRAMS

Per the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA), <u>you must obtain parent</u> <u>permission to engage with a student online</u>. Obtaining permission will protect yourself and your Center from being held liable if a student, teacher or Center staff member does something inappropriate while delivering an online program. Permission can be obtained either from parents of all participants or from the participants' school. Schools may obtain permission from parents for all online programming delivered during the school day; if so, the school may be able to sign the consent and release agreement on behalf of parents.

We have created a draft Parent Consent and Release Agreement here that your Center may use or adapt for Challenger Center Virtual Missions and Classroom Adventures or any other virtual/online programs your Center offers. You are not required to use our version, but we recommend comparing the language to the form your Center uses to ensure full coverage. The first page can be used if your Center is collecting permission from each participant's parent/guardian, and the second page can be used if a school is signing on behalf of all participants' parents/guardians. Per the software licensing agreement, you are responsible for obtaining parent permission and your Center is liable if you do not.