

Dear Parents & Guardians,

September 22, 2017

In conjunction with the Educational Technology department, we would like to use Duolingo (www.Duolingo.com) - a free language-learning platform that improves language proficiency. Students will have access to Duolingo to practice and further enhance the language skills that they are learning in their French and Spanish classes at Dedham Middle School. They will have an online account that charts this practice and particular skill areas in the target language.

Student email remains internal to Dedham Public Schools which means that they cannot send or receive emails from email accounts outside our system. Since we are connecting with an external company we are seeking individual parent or guardian consent. To establish the account with Duolingo, we will be sharing your child's first & last name, age range, language and school email address. Keeping student information secure and protecting the privacy of student records is of utmost concern. As a parent or guardian, you have the right to not disclose this information, but we hope you will allow us to share these details so your child may use this tool for educational purposes.

Enclosed is the consent form and Duolingo's Education Privacy Policy for your review. Please complete and return the form. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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INFORMED CONSENT AND RELEASE

I, the undersigned parent/legal guardian, hereby understand that the Dedham Public Schools is utilizing the services of Duolingo, an online language development application. I also understand that in connection with the use of this online application in my child's class, he/she may be posting his/her name, image, likeness, spoken words, student work, performance and movement and/or other personal and/or personally identifiable information, in any form (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Works"), and displaying, publishing, distributing or exhibiting these Works or any part thereof on the Internet and that all or part of these submissions may be viewed, accessed or otherwise seen by members of the general public. I further hereby acknowledge and agree that the Town of Dedham, Dedham School Committee and Dedham Public Schools do not own or control Duolingo, and any of my child's Works that are posted on or through this website shall be managed and controlled by Duolingo in accordance with its website privacy policy and terms of use. I further acknowledge that I and my child have read the privacy policy and terms of service of Duolingo, copies of which are attached to this release. I also further acknowledge that if my child is under the age of thirteen (13), I am authorizing and consenting to the Dedham Public Schools registering my child to participate in and have an account in this online application and for the Dedham Public Schools to provide Duolingo with my email address and/or child's email address to Duolingo, in accordance with its privacy policy and terms of service requirements. By entering into this informed consent and release and granting the permission as stated herein, I am expressly authorizing my child to participate, use and submit Works for posting on Duolingo. I am also expressly authorizing the Dedham Public Schools to use, in whole or in part, my child's Works in connection with Duolingo, including without limitation, the posting of these Works on or through Duolingo. I further understand that neither the Town of Dedham, Dedham School Committee and/or Dedham Public Schools and/or their respective officers, directors, agents and/or employees shall compensate either me or my child in connection with the posting of the Works on or through Duolingo. By entering into this informed consent and release and granting the permission as stated herein, I am also releasing the Town of Dedham, Dedham School Committee and Dedham Public Schools and their respective officers, directors, agents and/or employees from and against any and all liability, loss, damage, costs, claims and/or causes of action arising out of or related to my child's Works being posted on or through Duolingo, and/or for my child participating and using Duolingo. I have read this Informed Consent and Release and understand its terms. I sign it voluntarily and with full knowledge of its significance.

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Child's Signature: _____ Homeroom Teacher: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name:

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

Date: _____

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