

Privacy Policy for Open Source Education

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1. Introduction

Open Source Education ("we," "our," or "us") is committed to protecting the privacy of children and all users of our services. This Privacy Policy explains how we collect, use, disclose, and safeguard personal information when you access our website, participate in our programs, or interact with our services.

As an organization dedicated to providing technology education to children under 16, we take special care to comply with applicable laws regarding children's privacy, including the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) in the United States.

2. Information We Collect

2.1 Information Provided by Parents/Guardians

We collect information directly from parents or legal guardians, including:

- Parent/guardian contact information (name, email address, phone number)
- Child's name, age, contact information, and school information
- Emergency contact information
- Relevant health information (allergies, medical conditions) necessary for the child's safety
- Payment information for paid classes (processed through secure third-party payment processors)

2.2 Information Collected During Program Participation

During our programs, we may collect:

- Attendance records
- Progress assessments and feedback
- Projects created by students
- Photos or recordings of class activities (only with explicit parental consent)

2.3 Information Collected Automatically

When you visit our website, we may automatically collect:

- Device information (type of device, operating system, browser type)

- IP address and general location data
- Pages visited and how you interact with our website
- Referring website or application

We use cookies and similar technologies to enhance your experience on our website. You can manage cookie preferences through your browser settings.

3. How We Use Information

We use the collected information for the following purposes:

- To provide and manage our educational programs
- To communicate with parents/guardians about their child's participation
- To improve our curriculum and teaching methods
- To process payments for paid classes
- To maintain the security and functionality of our services
- To comply with legal obligations

4. Parental Rights and Controls

As a parent or legal guardian, you have the right to:

- Review your child's personal information that we have collected
- Request deletion of your child's personal information
- Refuse further collection or use of your child's information
- Request changes or updates to your child's information

To exercise these rights, please contact us at email@opensourceedu.org.

5. Information Sharing and Disclosure

We do not sell personal information to third parties. We may share information with:

- Volunteer instructors (limited to information necessary for teaching)
- Service providers who assist in operating our programs and website
- Our fiscal sponsor, for administrative purposes
- Government or regulatory authorities when required by law

6. Data Security

We implement appropriate technical and organizational measures to protect personal information against unauthorized access, alteration, disclosure, or destruction. These measures include:

- Storage systems with protected access
- Encryption of sensitive data

However, no method of transmission over the Internet or electronic storage is 100% secure, and we cannot guarantee absolute security.

7. Data Retention

We retain personal information only for as long as necessary to fulfill the purposes outlined in this Privacy Policy, unless a longer retention period is required by law. After this period, we will securely delete or anonymize the information.

8. Third-Party Links and Services

Our website may contain links to third-party websites or services. We are not responsible for the privacy practices of these third parties. We encourage you to read the privacy policies of any third-party services you access through our website.

9. Changes to This Privacy Policy

We may update this Privacy Policy from time to time. We will notify you of any changes by posting the new Privacy Policy on this page and updating the "Last Updated" date. For significant changes, we will provide additional notice such as an email notification to parents/guardians.

10. Compliance with Laws

10.1 COPPA Compliance

We comply with the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA). We only collect personal information from children under 13 with verifiable parental consent. Parents can review, delete, or refuse further collection of their child's information at any time.

10.2 State-Specific Privacy Rights

Depending on your location, you may have additional privacy rights under state laws such as the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA), the California Privacy Rights Act (CPRA), or similar regulations in other states.

11. International Data Transfers

If you are accessing our services from outside the United States, please be aware that information may be transferred to, stored in, and processed in the United States. By providing

information to us, you consent to the transfer of information to the United States or other countries, which may have different data protection rules than those in your country.

12. Contact Information

If you have any questions, concerns, or requests regarding this Privacy Policy or our privacy practices, please contact us at:

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