

Georgia Instructional Materials Center

Consent to Release Student Information



School districts in Georgia register students that require accessible materials with the Georgia Instructional Materials Center (GIMC). The GIMC is a unit within the Georgia Department of Education which supports districts by producing and acquiring accessible materials in braille, large print, and digital media for students with disabilities. Registration with the GIMC is reciprocal to registration with other organizations from which materials are acquired. These organizations (*American Printing House for the Blind (APH) and **Bookshare) require the exchange of personally identifiable student information. This information is only collected to meet the reporting obligations to the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs, and other entities as required by law. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) requires your consent to release your child's personally identifiable information.

To register my child with the GIMC, APH, Bookshare, and any future organizations in agreement with the GIMC that provide accessible texts in accordance with copyright laws, I hereby authorize the local school district and Georgia Department of Education to share my child's personally identifiable information as follows: Last Name, First Name, Middle Name, Date of Birth, School District, Grade Placement, Visual Function Level, Primary Language, Primary and Secondary Reading Medium, and cross reference of siblings also registered (to prevent duplication of registration).

I, _____ (print name), certify that I am the parent(s)/guardian(s) of _____ (student's full name), whose date of birth is _____ (student's complete date of birth), and that s/he is a dependent according to Section 152 of the Internal Revenue Code if s/he is over eighteen years of age. I understand that this release will remain in effect unless I revoke it in writing. I further understand that I can revoke this release at any time by sending an email to c Cochran@doe.k12.ga.us.

Parent Signature

Date

Sworn to & subscribed before me on this the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

NOTARY PUBLIC, GEORGIA
My Commission expires: _____

*APH is a nonprofit organization for the blind. According to the Federal “Act to Promote the Education of the Blind”, all students who meet the definition of blindness can receive specialized textbooks and accessible materials through the APH Federal Quota Program.

**Bookshare is a nonprofit digital library dedicated to providing accessible content free of charge to people with print disabilities.