Internet, Photo & Video Privacy Policy

Overview

The Region 5 Education Service Center ("Region 5") Internet Privacy Policy (the "Policy") addresses how Region 5 handles personal information collected and received from and through the Region 5 Website, as well as Region 5's use of information collected about you through your use of the Region 5 Website and Region 5 social media pages. By using the Region 5 websites, Online Learning Center and social media pages, you consent to the collection and use of information as described in this Policy. This Policy does not apply to the practice of entities or individuals that Region 5 does not own, control, employ, or manage.

Personal Information

Region 5 does not collect any specific personal information about website participants—such as name, postal address, or email address—except when such information is knowingly, and voluntarily, provided to Region 5 as part of a user account registration, inquiry, request or order. Should you provide such information, you are giving Region 5 permission to use that information to complete your inquiry, request or order.

Region 5 does not sell personal information to outside parties. Region 5 will not release email addresses that you provide to us to outside parties except as may be required by the Texas Public information Act or as may be required by law to protect Region 5's legal rights.

Personal information is obtained from online transactions such as professional development registrations, online purchases, email newsletters, online surveys, membership purchases, or employment or admissions applications. If Region 5 is provided with such information, you are giving Region 5 permission to use that information to respond to or process your request, or provide you with additional services or opportunities. For monetary transactions the financial aspect of the transaction is temporarily stored using strong encryption techniques until the transaction has been completed and is then purged according to standard PCI practices.

You are not required to be a Region 5 employee, vendor, or customer, or to provide personal information in order to access certain parts of the Region 5 Website. However, Region 5 automatically collects and stores "non-personally identifiable" information, including the use of cookies, for statistical and contextual marketing purposes. This information helps Region 5 monitor

how visitors use the site. It also may provide information for targeted marketing in accordance with standard internet practices, such as Google AdWords. This information may include: your browser software (e.g., Chrome, Safari, Edge, FireFox), operating system (e.g., Windows, iOS, Macintosh), name and domain of your Internet Service Provider (e.g., AT&T, Verizon, Spectrum), and the Internet Protocol (IP) address of the computer being used, and your browsing history, unless your browser settings explicitly request that you not be tracked. Cookies are not used to run programs or deliver viruses to your computer.

Security

For security purposes, and to maintain service for all users, Region 5's network system may use software programs to identify attempts to gain unauthorized access or to damage or misuse the systems of the Center's websites. In the event that a potential security threat is recognized, identifying information about the user and the questionable computer actively may be retained and reviewed for security and other law-enforcement-related purposes.

The Region 5 websites use Secure Sockets Layer ("SSL") encryption to process registrations and all online purchases. This encryption prevents sensitive credit card information from being seen as it travels across the Internet to our servers, therefore making it difficult for anyone to intercept or decode messages exchanged over this secure connection. Credit card information is not permanently stored on the web server. Your order information, excluding private payment information, is retained for our records, but is never shared with other organizations or people.

While Region 5 employs reasonable security methods to prevent unauthorized access, maintain data accuracy, and ensure only the proper use of your information, no data transmission over the Internet or any wireless network can be guaranteed to be perfectly secured. Therefore, while Region 10 will strive to protect all sensitive information, Region 5 cannot ensure or guarantee the security of any information that you transmit to Region 5 through the Region 5 Website or social media pages, and you provide such information to Region 5 through such methods at your own risk.

Photo & Video Disclaimer

Region 5 ESC (R5) reserves the right to use any photograph/video taken at any event sponsored by R5, without the expressed written permission of those included within the photograph/video. R5 may use the photograph/video in publications or other media material produced, used or contracted by R5 including but not limited to: brochures, invitations, books, newspapers, magazines, television, websites, etc.

To ensure the privacy of individuals and children, images will not be identified using full names or personal identifying information without written approval from the photographed subject, parent or legal guardian.

A person attending a R5 event who does not wish to have their image recorded for distribution should make their wishes known to the photographer, and/or the event organizers, and/or contact Region 5 Communications Services at 350 Pine St. Beaumont, TX 77701, in writing of his/her intentions and include a photograph. R5 will use the photo for identification purposes and will hold it in confidence.

By participating in a R5 event or by failing to notify R5, in writing, your desire to not have your photograph used by R5, you are agreeing to release, defend, hold harmless and indemnify R5 from any and all claims involving the use of your picture or likeness.

Any person or organization not affiliated with R5 may not use, copy, alter or modify R5 photographs, graphics, videography or other, similar reproductions or recordings without the advance written permission of an authorized designee from R5.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.