

Clarification of Data Collected and its Use

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In Ohio and nationally there are growing concerns about software providers and their access to student data. This document is intended to clarify exactly what data that stemcoding.org does and does not have access to, and what the data we do access is used for.

1. Very minimal data is collected from students

As outlined on the attached table, our site knows the first and last name of your students and their email address as well as the data from the coding assignments that they complete on our site. We do NOT collect IP addresses (which could reveal locations), passwords or other sensitive data.

2. We do NOT sell any data

We do not sell student data for any purpose, nor do we have any ads or ad revenue from our site. The site is supported by fees paid by teachers and contracts.

3. We do not do any “tracking”

We do not keep a history of how the students use our site. None of the emails sent by our site are configured to report back if and when the email was read. Students receive emails when their assignment is graded and potentially to reset their password. Our site has no capability to receive emails from students.

4. We are not conducting a research study

Although some of us are education researchers, stemcoding.org is not being used in any research studies, and doing so without permission from an Institutional Review Board and research subjects and their guardians would be a clear example of academic misconduct. We are not conducting a research project of any kind with stemcoding.org.

5. We DO connect to Google classroom

Because Google classroom is a popular learning management system, we have configured stemcoding.org to transfer grades and assignments to that platform. We have absolutely no interest in Google classroom data other than to facilitate this connectivity. If schools prefer to use a version of our site that does not connect to Google classroom, we provide <http://stemcoding.herokuapp.com> as an alternative.

6. Stemcoding.org is in the process of becoming listed on the Student Data Privacy Consortium

At the time of this writing on July 24, 2026, our site <http://stemcoding.org> is very new and therefore it has not yet been approved to be listed in the Student Data Privacy Consortium. We are in the process of obtaining that approval. If your school requires a site that is listed in the Student Data Privacy Consortium, we offer <http://stemcoding.herokuapp.com> which is identical to stemcoding.org except that it has no ability to connect assignments to Google classroom. We are making every effort to allow stemcoding.org to be listed on the Student Data Privacy Consortium by the end of 2026.

If there are any additional questions about student data and compliance please email support@stemcoding.org

regards,

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