

**DATA POLICY**

**ACCESS AND DISSEMINATION (COMPLIANCE WITH DATA PRACTICES ACT)**

**I. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance to STEAM Academy employees as to the data the School District collects and maintains and the permissible distribution of such data.

All data on individuals collected, created, received, maintained or disseminated by the School District, which is classified by state statute or federal law as public, shall be accessible to the public pursuant to the procedures established by the School District.

All other data on individuals is private or confidential.

**II. RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY**

**DATA PRACTICES COMPLIANCE OFFICIAL**

The STEAM Academy has designated the Director as the authority responsible for the maintenance and security of School District records and as the data practices compliance official to whom one may direct questions or concerns regarding obtaining access to data, rights of subjects of data or other data practices matters. Questions regarding School District data privacy practices and procedures should also be directed to the School Director.

The STEAM Academy may name additional data practices designees and post those names annually.

The responsible authority will establish procedures to ensure that the district responds promptly to requests for government data.

All requests for STEAM Academy's data must be sent in writing to the Director, who will review the request to determine whether the request is for public/nonprivate data and may be honored. All requests will be honored in a reasonable manner and time frame and in accordance with and as allowed by applicable federal, state, and local laws.

STEAM Academy may charge a fee for fulfilling such requests, as allowed by law. An estimate of the charge will be provided upon request.

### III. DEFINITIONS

- A. Data. The term, data, when used in this policy, means government data. Government data are all data kept in any recorded form by government entities in the executive branch of government in Minnesota. As long as data are recorded in some way by a government entity, they are government data, no matter what physical form they are in, or how they are stored or used. Government data may be stored on paper forms/records/files, in electronic form, on audio or videotape, on charts, maps, etc.
- B. Public Data. Public data means that the data is available to anyone who requests it.
- C. Private Data. Private data means the data is available to the subject of the data and to STEAM Academy staff who need it to conduct the business of the School District and to others outside the School District who are given access to the private data by state statute or federal law.
- D. Confidential Data. Confidential data means the data is not available to the subject and is accessible only by authorized staff of STEAM Academy and to others outside STEAM Academy, who are given access to the private data by state statute or federal law.
- E. Personnel Data. Personnel Data means data on individuals collected because they are or were employees of the School District, or is or were applicants for employment, volunteers for STEAM Academy, or is a member of or applicant for an advisory board or commission.
- F. Educational Data. Educational Data means those records which: (1) are directly related to a student; and (2) are maintained by the School District or by a party acting for the School District.
- G. Not Public Data. Not public data means data on individuals that is private or confidential or data not on individuals that are non-public or protected non-public as classified by state or federal law.

### IV. DATA PRIVACY COMPLIANCE TRAINING

STEAM Academy shall review annually and revise, as necessary, its policies, practices, procedures and notices with respect to the privacy and protection of educational and personnel records as well as public access procedures. Copies of these policies, procedures and notices shall be distributed to all School District employees on an annual basis or by giving notice to employees and making this information available on the web page.

STEAM Academy shall determine annually the need to provide training to School District personnel who respond to requests for data and/or are provided with access to public, private and/or confidential personnel and/or educational data. Such training shall be provided to those individuals determined to have a need for such training.

### V. RECORDS MANAGEMENT

STEAM Academy shall review annually the administration of data practices and develop an annual plan to assure compliance with law and policy and improve procedures as necessary.

STEAM Academy shall dispose of and transfer records in accordance with statutory procedures.

STEAM Academy shall modify data collection and maintenance procedures to eliminate unnecessary data.

**VI. COMPLIANCE**

STEAM Academy shall require private sector contractors to comply with Minnesota Government Data Practices Act as if it were a government entity when such contractors perform functions that involve collecting, creating, receiving, maintaining or disseminating data.

STEAM Academy shall not share not public data with another entity unless required or permitted by state statute or federal law.

Legal References: 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1232g et. Seq. (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) Minn. Stat. Ch. 13 (Minnesota Government Data Practices Act)  
Minn. Rules Pts. 1205.0100-1205.2000

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