

University of Wyoming Institutional Review Board
Informed Consent Notice

Before agreeing to participate in this research study, it is important that you read and understand the following explanation of the purpose, benefits, and risks of the study and how it will be conducted.

Title of Study: Cloud Technology Use in Schools with Children Under the Age of Thirteen: Knowledge of Policies and Perceptions of Responsibility

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Purpose of the Study: The purpose of this study is twofold. First, it is designed to assess the effect of legal policy awareness on perceptions of responsibility within educational environments that integrate cloud technologies with children under thirteen. Second, the results of this study will help the researchers design effective and engaging instruction for practicing and pre-service teachers on the topic of legal policies and practices that impact cloud technology integration.

Study Procedures: You will be contacted via email and asked to take part in a voluntary study on the topic of Cloud Technology Use in Schools with Children under Thirteen. If you choose to complete the study, follow the link in the email to an online module that includes a pre-test survey, online training module, and post-test survey. The entire module should take about 35 minutes to complete.

Benefits and Risks: Indirect benefits for participants include increased awareness of cloud technology use in schools serving children under the age of thirteen. Direct benefits for participants include an improved understanding of federal policies governing the use of cloud technologies with children under thirteen as well as exposure to potentially unknown cloud services used for educational purposes. There should be little or no risk to you by participating in this study.

Compensation to Participants: None.

Procedures for Maintaining Confidentiality of Research Records: All responses are completely anonymous. Data will be downloaded from the online module and stored on a password protected external drive in a locked file cabinet of the PI's office. Only the PI has a key to open the cabinet, and the office is kept locked when unoccupied.

Voluntary Participation: Participation is voluntary. Refusal to participate will involve no penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled, and you may discontinue participation at any time. If you wish to refrain from participation, please close your browser window or tab without transmitting your responses.

Questions about the Study: If you have any questions about the study, please contact Tonia Dousay at tdousay@uwyo.edu or Tamara Meredith at tamara.meredith@uwyo.edu