



MCSS Privacy Policy

Missouri Council for the Social Studies respects your privacy. We will make every reasonable effort to ensure that any personal information you provide to us is used only for the purposes stated below. While the policy presented here concentrates on information collected by the MCSS website, it also applies to personal information submitted by other means (mail, fax, phone, sign-up sheets, and so on).

Several areas of the MCSS website require that you send us personal information:

- Membership application
- Conference registration
- Conference Proposal applications

This information is received offline as well (mail, fax, phone). MCSS uses the demographic and professional information collected on membership, convention, and other forms for aggregate analysis, to personalize our member records for better service, and to create targeted mailing lists.

In addition to the primary purpose stated or implied at the time the information is collected, we may use your postal mailing address to send you information about MCSS programs or products, surveys, etc.

If you supply an e-mail address, we use it to confirm your membership application or registration, follow up on a request, etc., as the context determines. On occasion we may use your e-mail address for a purpose indirectly related to the original context (e.g., e-mailing a customer satisfaction survey to members or those who have attended the MCSS Annual Conference).



MCSS Members

Because of the special relationship we seek to maintain with our members, MCSS sends them periodic updates and announcements by e-mail. We may also make an occasional phone call (e.g., to clear up a problem or inquire about a lapsed membership).

"Anonymous" information collected online

Generally speaking, you can visit the MCSS website without revealing any personal information about yourself. We do keep a record of all server activity, which means that every page, image, or other type of file requested by your browser is written into a log file. Each entry in the log contains, among other things, information about the computer you're using to connect to the Internet (its "IP address") and about your browser (e.g., which version of Internet Explorer you're using). It does not, however, tell us anything about you personally. We use aggregate data from the web logs to determine how the site's resources are being used and to refine its navigational structure. If the need arises, we may use the logs to trace the source of abusive or illicit activity. We do not share our web logs with any outside party.

Cookies

A "cookie" is a text file, stored on your computer, that includes information that identifies that computer and can be retrieved by our server to create a seamless browsing session. Most cookies used on the MCSS site are deleted when your browser is shut down or in a fixed amount of time, whichever occurs sooner.

Several areas of the MCSS website use so-called "persistent" cookies. These files are retained on the user's hard drive after the browser is shut down. Most browsers accept cookies by default. If you set your browser to reject all cookies, these areas and others may not function properly. Most browsers have a setting whereby the browser alerts you when a server attempts to place a cookie on your hard drive; you are given the option of accepting or rejecting it.



Links to other websites

The MCSS website contains links to other websites. MCSS is not responsible for the privacy practices or content of those sites. Check the privacy policy of a website before revealing any personal information.

Exceptions

In certain circumstances, and as an exception to this privacy policy, we may, without notice to you, release information to comply with any valid legal process such as a search warrant, subpoena, statute or court order, or in other special cases, such as, for example, suspected fraudulent or criminal activity, or an attempt to breach the security of MCSS or its website.

Privacy Policy Updates

We have tried to create a privacy policy that is comprehensive, readable, and durable. Despite our best efforts, we may find it necessary to revise it. Any changes will be made without prior notice. The current MCSS privacy policy will continue to be posted at this address (www.mosocialstudies.org). If you have questions or comments about our privacy policy, please email mmoncure@csd.org.