

CodeHS

<https://codehs.com/privacy>

This is a for-profit organization offering a free curriculum as well as a very pricey enhanced package for schools.

Good: CodeHS does not give or sell data to third parties and does not sell ads.

Bad: CodeHS appears to provide some industry standard protection against hacking, but ultimately relies on users selecting secure passwords.

Data collected: Name, email, code, browser data, IP address, code

Data used: tech support, teacher assessment, usage statistics

Code.org

<https://code.org/privacy>

This is a non-profit organization with the goal of bringing computer science education to as many young people as possible.

Good - Code.org does not sell data to third parties and does not sell ads. Their policy states that they try to collect the minimum data needed to show user content and save learning progress so that their learning platform can function.

Bad - No mention of steps taken to protect against hacking.

Data collected - name, email, school, password, age, parent email, gender, race, IP address, login time, code, assessment responses, time to assignment completion.

Data used - Code.org data is used only to better succeed at their mission of teaching CS. It does provide de-identified student academic data to evaluate effectiveness of the program.

Race & gender data is used in aggregate to evaluate how well the program is serving underrepresented populations.

Question: Are the program evaluations performed by code.org done internally or via an external organization? If external, how are the privacy policies of these external organizations looking at code.org's data?

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First look over the references on this page:

<https://aboutmyinfo.org/identity/about>

Next, select two services - They could be domain specific like a an

education platform, generic like Gmail or could even be two similar ones like two email providers.

Read their privacy policies.

Post the products you are reviewing and comment on one thing for each policy (what it is, why it's good or bad or what raises flags, in your opinion).

Write up a short summary comparing and contrasting. Include an overview of what data is collected and maintained and how they may or may not use it.

Save write up in: week\_02\_privacy/terms.pdf