

# Cookie Policy

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This Cookie Policy explains how Macon-Piatt Special Education District (“Cooperative,” “we,” “our,” or “us”), an Illinois special education cooperative organized pursuant to the Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/10-22.31 and related provisions), uses cookies and similar technologies on our website (the “Site”), as well as your rights to control our use of them.

This Policy should be read together with our Privacy Policy and Terms and Conditions.

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## 1. What Are Cookies?

Cookies are small text files placed on your computer or mobile device when you visit a website. They help websites function properly and provide information about how visitors use the site.

Cookies may be:

- **Session cookies** – deleted when you close your browser
  - **Persistent cookies** – remain on your device for a set period
  - **First-party cookies** – set by our Site (in this case, Macon-Piatt Special Education District)
  - **Third-party cookies** – set by external service providers
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## 2. How We Use Cookies

Because we are a public educational cooperative, we use a limited number of cookies and only for operational and analytics purposes.

We do **not** use cookies for:

- Advertising
- Behavioral tracking for marketing
- Selling personal information
- E-commerce transactions

Cookies used on our Site fall into the following categories:

## A. Essential Cookies

These cookies are necessary for basic website functionality, such as:

- Page navigation
- Security features
- Accessibility features
- System administration

The Site may not function properly without these cookies.

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## B. Analytics Cookies

We use **Google Analytics** to understand how visitors interact with our Site.

Google Analytics cookies may collect:

- IP address (which may be anonymized where configured)
- Browser type
- Device type
- Pages visited
- Time spent on pages
- General geographic location (city-level)

This information helps us improve accessibility, performance, and user experience.

Google may store this data on servers in the United States or other countries in accordance with its privacy practices.

For more information on how Google processes data, visit:

<https://policies.google.com/technologies/partner-sites>

To opt out of Google Analytics tracking, you may use the Google Analytics Opt-out Browser Add-on:

<https://tools.google.com/dlpage/gaoptout>

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## 3. Student Data and Cookies

MPSED takes the privacy of our students' data seriously. We do not use cookies to collect or store:

- Education records protected under FERPA
- Personally identifiable student records

- Special education documentation
- Confidential personnel data

The Site is not intended as a student record system.

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## **4. Public Records Notice (Illinois FOIA)**

As a public entity subject to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/), certain website communications or logs maintained by the Cooperative may constitute public records.

However, analytics data collected through cookies is generally aggregated and not used to identify individual visitors.

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## **5. Managing Cookies**

Most web browsers allow you to:

- View cookies stored on your device
- Delete cookies
- Block cookies
- Set preferences for certain websites

You can manage cookies through your browser settings. Disabling certain cookies may affect website functionality.

For more information, visit your browser's help documentation.

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## **6. Accessibility Commitment**

Consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, we strive to ensure our Site remains accessible to all users, including those using assistive technologies.

If cookie consent tools or features create accessibility barriers, please contact:

Kathy Horath, Director  
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We will work to provide reasonable accommodations.

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## **7. Changes to This Cookie Policy**

We may update this Cookie Policy periodically to reflect operational, legal, or regulatory changes. Updates will be reflected by the “Last Updated” date above.

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## **8. Contact Information**

If you have questions about this Cookie Policy:

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