

VJAS STUDENT PRIVACY & PROTECTION

The Virginia Junior Academy of Science (VJAS) is committed to protecting the privacy, safety, and dignity of the students who participate in our programs.

Because many VJAS participants are minors, VJAS takes additional care when publishing student information, photographs, videos, and other materials online.

What We May Publish

With appropriate parent or legal guardian permission, VJAS may recognize students by publishing limited information such as:

- Student name
- VJAS officer position
- Photograph
- School affiliation, when specifically authorized
- Scientific interests and accomplishments
- VJAS awards and achievements
- Photographs, video, or audio from VJAS activities and events

What We Do Not Publish

VJAS does not intentionally publish personal information that could unnecessarily identify, locate, or facilitate direct contact with a minor student, including:

- Home addresses
- Personal telephone numbers
- Personal email addresses
- Parent/guardian contact information
- Personal social-media accounts
- Daily or school schedules
- Transportation arrangements
- A student's future whereabouts
- Other sensitive or unnecessary identifying information

Parent/Guardian Permission

VJAS obtains parent or legal guardian permission before publicly identifying a minor student through the VJAS website or official VJAS communications in the ways described in our **Minor Student Officer Website & Publicity Consent**.

Parents or legal guardians may contact VJAS to request withdrawal of previously granted permission. VJAS will make reasonable efforts to remove applicable information from the VJAS website and future digital publications within a reasonable period.

Contacting Student Officers

VJAS provides an official VJAS contact method for questions concerning student leadership and VJAS activities. Individual student officers should not be contacted directly through personal contact information.

Online Privacy

Information published on a publicly accessible website may potentially be viewed, copied, downloaded, archived, or shared by others. Although VJAS takes reasonable measures to protect student privacy, VJAS cannot control how third parties may use or redistribute information that has been made publicly available.

VJAS will collect and publish only information reasonably necessary to support its educational mission, recognize student achievement, and communicate about VJAS programs.

Questions or Privacy Concerns

Questions regarding student privacy or requests concerning a student's published information may be directed to:

Virginia Junior Academy of Science (VJAS)

Email: director@vjas.org

Website: vjas.org

VJAS periodically reviews its privacy and student-protection practices and may update this statement as laws, technology, and organizational practices change.