



ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Dear Parent,

Your child's school has implemented a new web hosting application called Arkansas Digital Sandbox (MyVRSpot), a product of the FTC Family of Companies, and we are sending this letter to help answer questions you might have.

So what is the Arkansas Digital Sandbox? It is a web-based application that allows your child to become a "push button publisher." Students can record and upload videos, images, and podcasts to our system and once approved by a teacher, share these multimedia files with their peers. Arkansas Digital Sandbox also features a Digital Locker for your student, where they can store data files they are working on.

With the Arkansas Digital Sandbox, there is no hardware or software to install, and students can access the system from anywhere they have an Internet connection. With safety being our first priority, each district has their own specific web address where students must log in with their individual username and password. These security measures are in place to ensure no "outsiders" can get into the system and see your child's work. In addition to these security features, all student media must first be viewed and approved by teachers before it is viewable by the student body. This helps to ensure that the content is appropriate for a school setting and ensures that all multimedia within the system meet the school's conduct guidelines.

With the Arkansas Digital Sandbox, your child can share what they create, foster student creativity and peer recognition, all while reinforcing the curriculum concepts being taught within the classroom.

If you would like more information about the Arkansas Digital Sandbox, please visit our website at <http://adesandbox.arkansas.gov/>.

