

Google Apps for Education Use with Opt-Out

What is Google Apps for Education?

District 152 is pleased to offer students safe and secure access to Google Apps for Education. Using these apps will allow students to create and collaborate in documents, spreadsheets, presentations, and Google Classroom. Teachers will also have the option to connect students with assignments and group projects using the secure Gmail address.

Who will receive a Google Apps for Education Account?

All students in grades 2-8th grade will have a Google Apps for education account created. Parents/guardians who do not want the student to have a Google Apps account should:

- Communicate with the student's teachers to determine the academic uses for Google Apps and the impact of not having a Google Apps account in those classes and alternative methods for your student to complete his/her assignments.
- Sign and return the Student Google Apps Information Form, opting the student out of the Google Apps for Education program. The reason you do not want your student to participate in these educational activities must be included on the form.

Once the form has been returned to the building secretary (or other specified staff member at the building), that person must select "Opt-out" within the district's student information system for the account to be suspended for that student.

Does District 152's Google Apps for Education program comply with Google's stated age restrictions?

Students under 13 ordinarily need parent permission to have email accounts, however, COPPA (Children's Online Privacy Protection Act) allows District 152 to act as the parents' agent and approve the accounts on their behalf. To be COPPA compliant we must provide an opt-out process to parents; the opt-out process is explained above. All students in grades 2-8 will be issued Google Apps accounts (including a restricted GMail account) unless parents wish to opt out.

As the provider of these services, the Harvey School District has included several safety and educational features in Google Apps for Education.

- Parents, guardians, and administrators may request access to student's Google Apps account from a Google Apps Domain Administrator
- Filters to block SPAM, viruses and inappropriate content

What happens if a student misuses their Google account?

All technology use, including the use of Google Apps for Education accounts, is regulated under District 152's technology and discipline policies and procedures. Student access to technology is granted for educational purposes only. Students who misuse their accounts will be referred to the building principal who will deal with the infraction on a case by case basis.

To report misuse or suspected misuse of a Google Apps account, it is appropriate to first contact your child's teacher or a building administrator.

_____ I confirm that I have read and understand to the above policy and procedure for Google Apps for Education.

Signature _____