

South Mississippi County School District
Google Apps for Education Parent Consent Form
(Students Under 13)



We are excited to begin our implementation of “Google Apps for Education” at South Mississippi County School District. At this point, there are only a few classrooms serving as pilot classrooms for Google Apps for Education; so it is very exciting that your child is involved in this learning process.

What are “Google Apps for Edu” and how will we use them?

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Students need to know:

Students will follow our acceptable use policy for appropriate use when using Google Apps. These services are considered an extension of the school’s network. Students have no expectation of privacy in their use at school, and service administrators have the right to monitor user accounts for policy and security enforcement.

Parents need to know:

South Mississippi County School District’s Acceptable Use Policy will be enforced. School staff will monitor student use of applications when students are at school. Parents are responsible for monitoring their child’s use of applications when accessing programs from home. Students are responsible for their behavior at all times.

Access to and use of Apps for Education is considered a privilege given at the discretion of South Mississippi County School District. SMCS D maintains the right to withdraw access and use when there is a reason to believe violations of law or District policies have occurred. In such cases, the alleged violation will be referred to the Principal for further investigation and account restoration, suspension or termination.

Child’s name: _____

Child’s School: _____ Child’s Grade: _____

Child’s Home Room Teacher: _____

I give my child permission to use Google Apps at school.

Parent/guardian Name: _____

Parent/guardian Signature: _____

What are Google Apps for Edu and how will we use them?

Google Apps for Education are free, web-based tools that allow students to create, edit and share files and resources for school-related projects using a web browser like Chrome, Firefox, Internet Explorer or Safari. Since documents are all stored safely on Google servers, we don't have to worry about losing data from a hard drive crash or a computer glitch.

Google Apps for Education will allow our students to collaborate on reports, spreadsheets and presentations, and then e-mail the final product to their teachers. This cloud-based application provides an infrastructure that allows students to collaborate and communicate electronically at no cost to the district.

Some of the apps available include:

Google Mail – Students will not be using email in the traditional sense. Students will only be able to send and receive email from teachers and other students for educational purposes. **All outside email is blocked unless communicating with an outside user will enhance the learning process. If communication with an outside user is requested by the teacher, the teacher will monitor use during the educational process and outside access will be blocked when completed.** An individual email account will be assigned and managed by South Mississippi County School District. The student email address will be firstname.lastname@smccolts.com. Students will be able to check email from any location.

Google Drive – Students will have access to a word processing, spreadsheet, drawing, presentation toolset that is very similar to Microsoft Office. Students can access these files from any computer and collaborate with other students and teachers. The ease of access and the ability to collaborate will remove some of the barriers to learning that currently exist.

Google Sites – Students will have the opportunity to create individual and/or collaborative websites.

Google Calendar – Students will have an individualized calendar to help them organize schedules, daily activities, and assignments.

Technology use in the South Mississippi County School District is governed by federal laws including:

Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) – The school district is required by CIPA to have technology measures and policies in place which protect students from harmful materials including obscene and pornographic materials.

Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) – COPPA applies to commercial companies and limits their ability to collect personal information from children under 13. By default, advertising is turned off for SMCS D's presence in Google Apps for Education. No personal student information is collected for commercial purposes. This permission form allows the school to act as an agent for parents in the collection of information within the school context. The school's use of student information is solely for educational purposes.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) – FERPA protects the privacy of student education records and gives parents the rights to review student records. The school will not publish confidential education records for public viewing on the Internet. Parents have the right at any time to investigate the contents of their student's email account and Apps for Education files.