



Gmail & Google Apps for Education Parental Consent Form

Dear Students and Parents:

It is Glidden-Ralston Community School District's goal to maximize and improve the learning experience of our students using new and emerging technology whenever feasible. We understand the importance of communication both electronically and verbally with students as well as parents. This parental consent form is here to request your permission for student use of Glidden-Ralston Community School District Google Apps for Education accounts.

Services Available to Students:

The Google Account that will be provided to each student will enable them to login and have access to Google Apps: a collection of Google's core services. Students will have access to applications (Apps) that allow them to create and edit documents, spreadsheets, drawings, and presentations. It provides students a place to store (and upload) all their files. Google Drive allows teachers and students to collaborate and share documents with each other, and can be accessed anywhere there is an Internet connection. In addition to Google Drive and Gmail, students will also have access to other services such as a personal calendar, website creation tools, and blogging.

Because Email plays a critical role in today's modern communication, we believe it should play an equally critical role in the educational experience Glidden-Ralston Community School District provides to our students. We are working to bring Gmail to students in a safe, responsible, and legal way.

Accounts

All students in grades 6-12 will receive a Google Account. The account will be the student's district assigned username followed by @glidden-ralston.K12.ia.us. Each student will be assigned a password to his/her account. Students will create a password however, the district will also have the ability to access the account and reset the password.

Access Restrictions

Access to these services is considered a privilege. The district reserves the right to revoke access to these services if there is reason to believe the user has violated the District Internet Acceptable Use Policy (IAUP) policy or the law. The IAUP applies to the Google account and the student's use thereof.

Security

Google is one of the industry leaders when it comes to the security of its systems and user data; however, Glidden-Ralston Community School District cannot and does not guarantee the security of electronic files located on Google Systems.

Privacy

Google Apps for Education accounts that students will be using, and the content created by students and staff are owned and managed by Glidden-Ralston Community School District. Google does not, cannot, and will not scan user information or user data from these accounts, and thusly cannot sell it to anyone or profit from any information in these accounts. Users are prohibited from accessing other user's information, unless explicitly shared by the user, but the District reserves the right to access user's information and data at any time for any reason. Students have no expectations of privacy in their Google account. The District has access to and may monitor use of the account.

Your child's information is protected by the following Federal Laws: Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA)

<http://www.ftc.gov/privacy/coppafaqs.shtm>

COPPA applies to commercial companies and limits their ability to collect personal information from children under 13.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

<http://www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa/index.html>

FERPA protects the privacy of student education records and gives parents the rights to review student records.

By signing below, I agree to the terms and conditions in this document, and permit my student to use Google Apps for Education, which includes the use of Gmail.

Student Name: (print) _____

Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____