

Google Apps for Education FAQ's for Families

Rocklin Academy adopted Google Apps for Education account (Drive, Sites, docs, slides etc) should be used for school purposes only and should not be used for personal use.

How are student accounts protected?

Google Apps for Education uses Google's highest form of security to protect all information maintained in the system. While we cannot guarantee that someone won't attempt this the fact is that reading essays written by students isn't profitable, so the chances are incredibly minute that someone would take the time to do so.

How is the RAFOS account different from a public Gmail account?

Only those Google services that are applicable to an educational setting are provided in our domain. Not all of the tools available in a public Google account will be available in the RAFOS Google domain.

Will the district be able to access and read my child's emails?

Yes, the district has access to every email sent and received under our rafos.org account. District staff monitor the accounts daily for acceptable use.

Are any other schools using Google Apps for Education?

Yes, over 10 million students and teachers are using GAFE. There are several schools, within the Sacramento area, that are using as well. <https://www.google.com/edu/case-studies/>

Will this new Google account sync with other personal Google accounts? Will students have access to their parents' personal accounts?

Student Google accounts cannot be synced with other accounts, even on mobile devices. The only way for students to view parental accounts is if the parent either shares the login information or forgets to sign out.

What is the school's plan to protect the student's information considering Google can use the information?

Google can't use the information: In the past, advertising on Google Apps for Education could be switched on and off, but now all ads have been removed from its education products. It cannot collect or use student data in Apps for Education services for advertising purposes. -- http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/marketplacek12/2014/04/google_abandons_scanning_of_student_email_accounts.html

What is the plan, if any, to reduce the amount of push advertising via Google Apps to the students?

There are no ads in GAFE apps.

As parents, will we have access to the same site/login as our student to track history?

Parents will not receive their own GAFE accounts, but we encourage you to log into your student's account and see what they are doing.

Will Google sell my child's account information to other entities such as Microsoft?

No. Google protects all users' information and will not sell it to any organization.

Are there consequences if my child misuses his or her Google Account?

Yes. Your child's Student Google Account is a privilege and if abused, its use may be suspended or revoked.

How do I opt my child out of this service?

If you do not want your student using their RAFOS assigned Google Account, you can opt your student out. Please see the letter from Interim Superintendent Robin Stout for more details.