



Dear Parents / Guardians

Research suggests the top three skills future employers seek are teamwork, collaboration, and problem solving. Rocklin Academy believes in the importance of these skills and is committed to providing opportunities for all students to grow. To assist us, we implemented iPads throughout our schools and partnered with Google Apps for Education. As a strong parent-partnership school, we want to provide information on the Google services your student will be using.

Mail - an individual email account that is managed and monitored through RAFOS

Docs - word processing, spreadsheet, and presentation tools that are similar to Microsoft Office

Sites - an individual and collaborative website creation application

Classroom - a virtual classroom where students can turn in assignment

Google Apps for Education (GAFE) is a robust, web based cloud system. Your student can access their account anywhere, anytime, and from any internet enabled device. Working within the GAFE suite of apps allows our teachers to enhance student learning and help our students become future ready. Up to fifty teachers and students can simultaneously share and collaborate on one document to learn more effectively. Students can also create presentations, work in small groups, build an electronic portfolio, and submit assignments all through Google.

GAFE allows our district to configure student accounts, restrict access, and establish policies for our students about communicating. Our second through fifth grade emails will be protected by the “walled garden.” This allows the students to only send and receive messages from within the RAFOS.org domain. All accounts are continuously monitored by district staff to ensure acceptable use as outlined in our iPad Use Agreement. (Please make sure you are familiar with this document.)

Technology use at RAFOS is governed by federal laws such as the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) and Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). COPPA is a federal law that applies to commercial companies and website operators and limits their ability to collect personal information from children under the age of 13. FERPA is a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The district does not collect student

information for commercial purposes, nor do we disseminate student's educational records to third parties.

Google Apps for Education is also governed by a detailed Privacy Policy which ensures that Google will not share or otherwise use personal information that is placed into the system. Additionally, Google guarantees that it is in compliance with all applicable U.S. privacy laws.

To learn more about Google, its privacy policy, security features, and Benefits of Education accounts, please visit <https://www.google.com/edu/>, and <http://www.google.com/enterprise/apps/education/benefits.html>.

If you do **not** consent to your child's participation with the GAFE program, please contact your student's teacher or principal.

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