

Taft School District 90 Google Apps for Education Acceptable Use Policy

Taft School District 90 has the ability to create accounts for all students to allow for collaborative sharing using Google Apps for Education. These accounts will be used for school related projects. However, no student will be assigned an account without parent or guardian approval. The rules governing proper electronic communications by students are included in the Google Technology Acceptable Use Policy and Taft School District Policy 6:235 and may be found on the Taft School District website at www.taft90.org. Once accounts are assigned, students gain access to the wealth of collaborative tools available through Google Apps.

This account is housed on Google servers, thereby giving your child access to Google Docs (word processor, spreadsheet, and presentation software), @TaftSD90.org G-Mail addresses, calendar, plus additional services. This will allow each student to collaborate with teachers and other students at Taft for specific educational purposes.

Official E-mail Address - Students will be assigned an @TaftSD90.org student e-mail account. This account will be considered the student's official Taft School District e-mail address until such time as the student is no longer enrolled at Taft School. The naming convention will be first name and last name ending with @TaftSD90.org. For example: John Test could be John.Test@TaftSD90.org. This e-mail address will be for INTERNAL purposes only, and will NOT allow students to communicate with anyone outside Taft School District.

Conduct - Students are responsible for good behavior just as they are in a traditional school setting. It is illegal to use obscene, profane, threatening, or disrespectful language. Communication with others should always be course related. Students should never say anything via e-mail that they would not mind seeing on the school bulletin board or in the local newspaper. Students should notify the teacher of anything inappropriate or that makes them uncomfortable. Bullying will not be tolerated and the privacy of others shall be respected at all times.

Access - Restriction Access to and use of Google Apps for Education is considered a privilege accorded at the discretion of Taft School District. The District maintains the right to immediately withdraw the access and use of the account when there is reason to believe that violations of law or School Board policies have occurred. In such cases, the alleged violation will be referred to the Principal for further investigation and application of necessary consequences as indicated in the Student-Parent Handbook and related Taft School District Policies.

Security & Content Filtering – Taft School District partners with the Will County Regional Office of Education's Professional Development Alliance, and cannot and does not guarantee the security of electronic files located on Google systems. Although Google and the Professional Development Alliance do have powerful content filters in place, the School District cannot assure that users will not be exposed to non-educational material.

Privacy - As with any other school resource, Taft School District reserves the right to access and review content in the Google Apps for Education system at any time, consistent with Board Policy 6:235. The School Board complies with all state and federal privacy laws. As with any educational endeavor, we feel that a strong partnership with families is essential to a successful experience. Therefore, we are asking your permission to provide a Google Apps account to your child. Please fill out and return this permission slip to the main office.

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Taft School District 90 Student Permission Form

Student Name: _____

Parent/guardian:

_____ I DO give permission for my child to be assigned a Google Apps for Education account.

_____ I DO NOT give permission for my child to be assigned a Google Apps for Education account.

Parent signature: _____

Date: ____/____/_____

Student:

I agree to adhere to the guidelines stated above for use of my Google Apps account.

Student signature: _____

Date: ____/____/_____

*****NOTE: This form is valid from the date of signature until the student graduates, is unenrolled from Taft School District, or their privileges revoked for violation of District or Google acceptable use policies.*****