



Dear Parents,

Rockwall ISD utilizes Google Suite for Education for students.

The following services are available to each student and hosted by Google as part of Rockwall ISD's online presence in Google Suite for Education:

- Docs- word processing, spreadsheet, drawing and presentation.
- Drive- space for storing files.
- Calendar- a student calendar providing the ability to organize schedules, daily activities and assignments.
- Classroom- designed to help teachers create and collect assignments paperlessly.
- Email- students in 9th- 12th grade will utilize a district issued email address.
- Google Earth- Google's 3D map program that allows students to explore the globe.
- Youtube- access to filtered and approved YouTube videos only.

Using Google's Education Suite, students collaboratively create, edit and share files for school related projects. These files are entirely online and available from any internet-connected device.

As an added layer of protection, content created and stored in each students' Google Suite for Education account and email is filtered and monitored.

Google Suite for Education is a separate offering from Google Apps for Consumers. Google Suite for Education provides additional security, administrative, and archiving controls for education and non-profit organizations and has a separate and distinct privacy policy than the consumer platform.

Here are a few quick facts about Google Suite for Education and student privacy:

- Does not collect, maintain, use, or share student personal information beyond that needed for authorized educational/school purposes.
- Has permanently removed all ad scanning in Apps for Education services.
- Data in accounts (Docs, Sheets, Slides, and Drive) belongs to the account owner, not Google.
- Google Suite for Education complies with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).
- Google has signed the Student Privacy Pledge (<http://studentprivacypledge.org/>) authored by the Future of Privacy Forum (FPF) and the Software & Information Industry Association (SIIA) for their student accounts.

If you do not want your student to have access to a Rockwall ISD Google Suite for Education account, please log in to Skyward Family Access and complete the GAFE Opt-Out Form.

If you have any questions, please contact Rikki Smith, Director of Instructional Technology and Media Services at rikki.smith@rockwallisd.org