

Ipswich Public Schools

What is Active Directory?

Active Directory is Microsoft's directory service that allows administrators to assign policies, deploy software, and apply updates for the entire school district. AD also allows users to store data in a central location, where it is backed up.

Why is the school implementing Active Directory Domain Services?

Microsoft Active Directory Domain Services securely stores data and manages communication between users and domains, including user logon processes, authentication, and file searches. By using Active Directory, we will create a scalable, secure, and manageable infrastructure for all users and resources. In addition, we can provide support for directory-enabled applications, such as Aspen, Edline, Google Apps for Education, NutriKids, Destiny and many other application services.

Who will be using an Active Directory user account?

All school administrators, faculty and students (Grades 3-12) will be assigned an Active Directory account. Each user will receive a printed letter with their confidential account login credentials and a brief summary on how to use the account. This account will provide access to all available school services and resources.

Will my computer need to be changed to use the new system?

Each classroom computer will need to be addede to the new domain by a Technology Specialist.have a security scan done no later than two days before the migration. The computer must also have the latest version of the school antivirus program installed.



More Information on Microsoft Active Directory

For more information on the benefits of using Microsoft Active Directiry, please visit

http://www.windows-active-directory.com/benefits-of-windows-active-directory-services.html