

Why is the school district moving to Google Apps for Education?

Google Apps for Education is a web based application suite that offers many advantages to the Ipswich School District. Accessibility, collaboration, security, and cost savings are the premier benefits of the Google Apps for Education system. The service includes tools that allow students and teachers to create, communicate and collaborate online using an advertising-free, filtered and protected domain. Google Apps for Education runs on an Internet domain owned by the Ipswich Public School District and is intended for educational use only.

Who will be using Google Apps?

During the 2013-2014 school year, a select group of teachers have been piloting the use of Google Apps in their classroom. The goal of this pilot has been to explore new ways to work collaboratively and to provide guidelines for a district-wide implementation of Google Apps for Education. Much has been learned from this year's pilot. Starting next school year, 2014-2015, all students in grades 3-12 will receive a school managed Google Apps account and will have the opportunity to learn how to use one or more of the school approved Google apps. To opt out of the program, the "Ipswich Public Schools Google Apps for Education Opt Out Form" must be signed by a parent or guardian.

What are the costs?

Google Apps for Education is free; however there is a small fee for backing up the data. The district will save money by replacing the legacy staff e-mail system and a scale back of desktop office application suites. In addition, each student will have anytime access to 30 GB of cloud based storage.

Are Google Apps for Education Secure?

Google apps will be implemented with strict compliance to security and privacy standards starting with the generation of student accounts within the private Ipswich school domain. Outgoing web traffic from Ipswich to Google servers adheres to SSL encrypted browser sessions. Incoming web traffic is monitored and content filtered. Only school approved apps will be available to students, such as, Google Docs, Sheets, Presentation, Calendar, Sites and Blogger. Student email and chat will be turned off for the initial rollout. Parents and students will sign a one time acceptable use policy, which will dictate the use of google apps at home or at school. Misuse will result in a referral to Principal with Parent notification.

More Information on Benefits and Security

For more information on Google Apps benefits and security for K-12 schools, please visit

<https://www.google.com/enterprise/apps/education/benefits.html>

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