Google Apps for Education
Kildeer School District 96

Student Email Information

In alignment with our commitment to the availability of technology resources to further educational excellence, Kildeer Countryside School District 96 is pleased to announce the availability of Google Apps for Education email accounts for middle school students. Email accounts for middle schools students will be active as of January 14, 2013.

With students' increased access to Macbooks, iPads and Chromebooks in the classroom, students have incorporated technology into their everyday school life. Student email accounts provide teachers and students with an additional method of communication that can be integrated through the use of Google Apps for Education.

Digital safety is important to Kildeer Countryside School District 96. While security is not guaranteed, we have taken steps to establish safety guidelines for the email system. The email system is setup so that students will be able to send messages to Kildeer Countryside School District 96 middle school staff and students, and will not be able to receive emails from external email systems unless district administrators approve the external source for educational purposes. The student email is to be used primarily for learning purposes consistent with the district's mission and goals, but some limited personal use is permitted. Kildeer Countryside School District 96 looks forward to continuing to partner with parents and community in educating our students about the importance of digital safety and citizenship. Students are expected to adhere to the District Guidelines for Acceptable Use of Technology Resources.

Parents and students are encouraged to review the acceptable use policy as needed. They can be found on our website at:

https://www.kcsd96.org/boe-policy-manual/files/Documents/6235FINAL081721%20lr.pdf
https://www.kcsd96.org/tech/ipad-handbook/ipad-acceptable-use

Monitoring and filtering of email
Students should follow school policy and use appropriate language when composing emails and documents. Administrators have the ability to view all correspondence at their discretion and take disciplinary action when necessary. Students are reminded that correspondence sent via email can easily be forwarded by the recipient. **Private or personal information should never be sent in an email because it may end up getting forwarded to others.**

In addition to GoogleApps security filters, Kildeer Countryside School District 96 is also implementing Gaggle Apps. Gaggle's control and filtering system provides an additional layer of security to protect students from sending and receiving inappropriate email.

Filtering Features Include:

Offensive Text
Each school can customize a set of blocked words and phrases. Any email sent with questionable text will be re-routed to an educators account to review before it is delivered.

Pornographic Images
Google's Anti-Pornography Scanner (APS) automatically detects and blocks pornographic images which are embedded in the emails or sent as attachments. The scanner is exceptionally accurate and in most cases it can detect the difference between pictures of students in bathing suits and pornographic images.

Pornographic Web Sites
Google's APS has been expanded beyond images to monitoring URLs. All web links inside of emails are checked in real time to insure that the web sites do not contain pornographic content.

Attachment Content Filtering
Common document types are now decoded and scanned for offensive text, images and URLS before they are delivered. Supported document types include PDF, MS Word, MS Excel, Powerpoint, RTF, TXT and HTML

Attachment Type Filtering
Your accounts can be configured to block email with specific types of attachments such as EXE, SCR, MP3, ZIP files etc. These attachments can be stripped out of the email or rerouted to an administrator for review.