

Kestrel Heights School

Consent to use Google Apps for Education

This year we will be using Google Apps for Education for students and teachers. This system, powered by Google, will provide a suite of Google products such as Google Drive and Sites that will enable us to better communicate, share, and collaborate. Google Apps for Education is used by over 8 million other students and teachers around the world.

What are the benefits of Google Apps? What's included? What's not included?

- Anytime, anywhere access - Google Apps works in any browser on any computer, which means you can access your email, calendars, and documents from school or at home.
- No flash drives required with documents and files stored in Google Docs.
- Google Drive lets you create and share documents, spreadsheets, presentations, drawings, and forms. You can also upload any file to Google Drive and share it with others.
- Students can easily collaborate with classmates and teachers when working together on group projects.
- Teachers can be involved throughout the whole assignment process providing comments and feedback directly in the documents.
- Students can develop an e-portfolio of work throughout their years at the school.
- **Your child will not have access to a Kestrel Gmail (Email) account at this time.**

Because Google Apps for Education is a commercial suite of tools, Kestrel Heights School is required to have parental permission for students under the age of 13 to use Google Apps.

This requirement is made by COPPA - The Children's Online Privacy Protection Act passed by Congress in 1988. The primary goal of COPPA is to place parents in control over what information is collected from their young children online and applies to operators of commercial websites and online services directed to children under 13 that collect, use or disclose personal information from children.

With respect to Google Apps for Education and COPPA, advertising is turned off for Kestrel Heights School use of Google Apps for Education. No personal student information is collected by Google for commercial purposes. The school's use of student information is solely for education purposes.

For more information about COPPA please visit <http://www.ftc.gov/privacy/coppafaqs.shtml>.

For your child's online privacy, their Google Account does NOT contain their name, only their initials. Please don't hesitate to ask for more information about how this wonderful online tool will impact your child's learning.

I give consent for my child to use Google Apps for Education at Kestrel Heights School

Student Name: _____

Parent Name (printed): _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____