

What is G-Suite Apps for Education?

Kingsport City Schools (KCS) G-Suite is an integrated communication and collaboration solution, hosted by Google and managed by KCS. G-Suite will provide the ability for students, faculty and staff to communicate, store files and collaborate on documents, spreadsheets, and presentations in real time from school, work, or home, all within a secure “closed campus” online environment.

How will it be used? G-Suite will provide the ability for students and teachers to store files and collaborate on documents, spreadsheets, and presentations in real time from school or home within a “closed campus” online environment. The use of these tools is optional, and intended to provide an approved and supportable alternative to “consumer” Google accounts.

Will my child have an email account? Yes. Students will be assigned an email account through GAFE that ends in @students.k12k.com. However, the email feature is only turned on for high school students.

How does Google protect my child’s privacy? Google (G-Suite) signed the Student Privacy Pledge which is part of an effort led by the Federal Government to ensure student data is only used for educational purposes. Signers of the pledge are committed to:

- Not sell student information
- Not behaviorally target advertising to students
- Use data only for authorized education purposes
- Not change privacy policies without notice and choice
- Enforce strict limits on data retention
- Support parental access to, and correction of errors in, their children’s information
- Provide comprehensive security standards
- Be transparent about collection and use of data
- Schools own and retain rights to their own data

We encourage parents and students to review Google’s [privacy policy](#).

What information is used to make a student GAFE account?

First Name Last Name

Username – first four letters of first name, middle initial and last name

Password – a randomly generated five digit number from PowerSchool School

Can I see what my child is doing on Google Apps? Will there be a Parent View account? No there is not a Parent View account. Parents are encouraged to explore Google Apps with their children by logging in together. You will be able to have your student log in to his or her KCS Google account at home and show you what they are currently working on in class, as well as items that have been “turned in” and commented on by the teacher. Contact your school for this information.

Students should not save any information like Social Security numbers or other personal information to G-Suite nor should they enable autosave and autosync. Any online system can be compromised by determined intruders. As part of the Internet Safety Education program at your child’s school, students receive training in protecting personal information online.