

APS G Suite for Education Enterprise account is a Google Account created and managed by APS for use by students and educators. That means that APS houses the data within these accounts in our own Domain. These accounts are compliant with the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) and FERPA, unlike the free accounts. For more detailed information: [https://edu.google.com/why-google/privacy-security/?modal\\_active=none](https://edu.google.com/why-google/privacy-security/?modal_active=none)

Using G Suite for Education Enterprise, provides privacy and security policies that are much more stringent than for the free Google versions. [https://gsuite.google.com/terms/education\\_privacy.html](https://gsuite.google.com/terms/education_privacy.html)

APS restricts the addresses or domains that our students can exchange messages with. For example, the district allows students to exchange messages with faculty members and other students, but not with people outside of the school district. With the assignment of an APS Google gmail account students can communicate with their teachers through Google Classroom within a walled garden.

APS's Educational Technology Department and Curriculum and Instruction Department are working together to give trainings to teachers, families and students on several aspects of social emotional learning in a digital environment in the event of needing to modify a school schedule to ensure the health and safety of our students and staff. We have created a digital citizenship course for teachers and are in the midst of creating the student and family ones. The courses focus on digital etiquette, who to contact if a student is being bullied and how to cope with this mode of learning.

APS takes our students safety very seriously. We currently have methods to investigate any allegations of inappropriate behavior occurring during live virtual sessions and in the chat feature. Educational Technology has worked with teachers on best practices in using Google Meet and Chat in an educational setting and a new option to teachers allows educators to turn Google Chat and Google Meet on and off separately.

We have several filtering tools that we use to keep students safe while using an APS chromebook. Here is a link to our [filtering information](#). We have also put in place a new service called the GoGuardian Parent app where parents can monitor what their students are doing while logging on to an APS Chromebook. Please see if this is an app that you would like to use. [GoGuardian Parent](#)

By making the switch to Gmail it allows a smoother method of communication and collaboration within APS firewalls for our students and teachers. This helps keep teachers and students connected in the most secure way possible. Most schools use many of the G-Suite for Education tools and by adding email and calendar educators have a seamless method of collaboration and communication.