

As a strategy to support 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learners in Livingstone Range School District, we will make Google Apps for Education available to your son/daughter to enrich the delivery of instruction. Google apps are a collection of online tools, described below, to support student learning. Individual Google accounts will be created to provide users access to digital collaborative tools and cloud computing in a secure district domain.

Please note: The decision to open a Google Apps for Education account is a school based decision and students must have returned their signed Responsible Use agreements before they will be given access to Gmail and other Google apps.

This new system, powered by Google, will provide Gmail accounts to our students, as well as a suite of other Google products such as Google Docs and Sites that will enable us to better communicate, share, and collaborate. We will be joining over 8 million other students and teachers that are already using Google Apps at schools around the world.

What are the benefits of Google Apps and what's 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.
- Students can easily collaborate with students from other classes, buildings, schools, districts or even different countries, 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 representing a collection of their work throughout their years at the school. Upon graduation, this work can be transferred to students to keep.
- Through websites, calendars, and email, parents can stay informed about the latest assignments and activities.

Staff and students will have access to the following Google Apps: Drive, Docs, Slides, Forms, Calendar, Sites, Gmail (for students) and Hangout. If you have any questions or concerns please contact your school's Principal.

To learn more about these specific apps you can visit Google Apps for Education at:

<http://www.google.com/enterprise/apps/education/products.html>