



Google Apps for Education Permission Form

Amador County Unified School District

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Amador County Unified School District recognizes that technology and Internet resources offer a wide variety of educational opportunities and tools that can enhance learning. Google Apps for Education (GAFE) is one of the important tools utilized by teachers and students to help students succeed. Use of GAFE is at the discretion of the classroom teacher and will only be used when appropriate for the student's grade level and learning objective. We are very excited about the possibilities that GAFE offers students and teachers in the classroom as we strive to provide our students with 21st Century skills.

ACUSD's Google Apps for Education domain is different from a personal Google account and is **NOT open to the public**. It is a safe and secure "self-contained" cloud-based system that is unique to each school district. Features typically available to personal Google accounts like video chat, personal profiles and social networking will not be accessible to our students. Teachers will have the ability to monitor everything that a student does within GAFE.

This permission form describes the tools and student responsibilities for using these services. As with any educational endeavor, a strong partnership with families is essential to a successful experience.

The following Google services will be available to each student and hosted by Google as part of Amador County Unified School District's online presence in Google Apps for Education:

- **Drive:** A secure online space where students will store all of their digital work. In Google Drive students can create Google Docs, Google presentations using Slides, Google Drawings and they are all stored in the cloud. Anywhere students have access to the internet, they can access their work. Students may work on projects at school and at home. Applications in Google Drive can be shared for collaboration.
- **Calendar:** An individual calendar providing the ability to organize schedules, daily activities, and assignments.
- **Classroom:** Classroom is designed to help teachers create and collect assignments digitally rather than on paper, including time-saving features like the ability to automatically make a copy of a Google Document for each student. It also creates Drive folders for each assignment and for each student to help keep everyone organized.
- **Selected Apps:** Selected apps will be available to students when requested by teachers and when safe, and appropriate.

Student use of Google Apps for Education is governed by the school's Technology Responsible Use Policy (RUP) and the school's Student-Parent Handbook. Students are responsible for their own conduct at all times when using Google Apps for Education just as they are when they use any technology resources the school offers. Students retain the intellectual property rights of any work that they create and store on the Google Drive. There are no ads in Google Apps for Education. Google will not sell data to third parties nor will they share information in GAFE with third parties except if required to do so by law.

Amador County Unified School District encourages all parents to share in the Google Apps for Education experience by logging in with your child to see the types of activities and educational experiences that are offered.

RETURN SIGNED COPY TO STUDENT'S SCHOOL

Amador County Unified School District
Permission Form for Google Apps for Education

By signing below, I confirm that I have read and understand the following:

- Google Apps for Education runs on an Internet domain purchased and owned by the Amador County Unified School District and is intended for educational use only.
- By default, advertising is turned off for the school's Google Apps for Education domain.
- No personal student information is collected for commercial purposes.
- Students have no expectation of privacy on the GAFE system. School staff and administrators all have access to student accounts for monitoring purposes.
- Access to and use of Google Apps for Education is considered a privilege and is at the discretion of the Amador County Unified School District.
- ACUSD maintains the right to immediately withdraw access and use of Google Apps for Education when there is reason to believe violations of law or District policies have occurred.

With parental permission, your student will be given a Google Apps for Education account with an associated email account to use only with their class(es) and teacher(s). To gain access to the apps within Google Apps for Education, students under the age of 13 must first obtain permission, as verified by your acceptance or digital signature of this document.

By circling "Accept" for this Authorization, I give permission for my child to be assigned an Amador County Unified School District Google Apps for Education account. This means my child will receive access to Google Apps for Education. I understand that I may ask for my child's account to be removed at any time.

By circling "Deny" for this Authorization, I do not give permission for my child to be assigned an Amador County Unified School District Google Apps for Education account. This means my child will NOT receive access to Google Apps for Education.

For additional information about privacy and safety, Google's "Trust" site provides an excellent guide to staying safe and secure online. The guide can be accessed at <https://www.google.com/edu/trust/>

Technology use in the Amador County Unified School District is governed by federal laws including:

- [Children's Internet Protection Act \(CIPA\)](#)
- [Children's Online Privacy Protection Act \(COPPA\)](#)
COPPA applies to commercial companies and limits their ability to collect personal information from children under 13.
- [Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act \(FERPA\)](#)

Please circle "Accept" or "Deny" above and sign then return to student's school.

Student's Name _____

Parent's Signature _____

RETURN SIGNED COPY TO STUDENT'S SCHOOL