

Bedford Area School District



Google Apps for Education Parent Permission Form

The Bedford Area School District utilizes Google Apps for Education for students, teachers, and staff. 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.

Google Apps for Education services are available to each student and hosted by Google as part of Bedford Area School District's commitment to educational technology by providing students with 21st century learning opportunities.

Google Apps for education is a protected and contained environment for students with access to Google Docs, Sites, Calendar, Email, and additional services. Gmail provides students with an individual email account for school use. The Calendar feature provides an individual calendar for students to organize schedules, daily activities, and assignments. The Docs option equips students with a word processing, spreadsheet, drawing, and presentation toolset that are similar to Microsoft Office Suite. These tools allow students to collaboratively create, edit, and share files and websites for school-related projects. The Google Apps for Education services are accessible 24/7 from any Internet-connected computer.

It is our goal to keep students safe and focused on learning while providing students with the benefits of using technology. Expectations, responsibilities, and disciplinary action outlined in the Bedford Area School District's Acceptable Use Policy (815) and the Student Handbook govern students' use of Google Apps for Education, both of which can be found on our website. The general right of privacy will be extended to the extent possible in the electronic environment. All users will treat electronically stored information in individuals' files as confidential and private. The District reserves the right to access a student's bedfordasd.org account, including current and archival files of user accounts, when there is reasonable suspicion that unacceptable use has occurred. Please sign and return this form to your child's school. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Student Name (Print): _____ Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Permission:

I **DO** give permission for my child to be assigned a Bedford Area School District Google Apps for Education account.

I **DO NOT** give permission for my child to be assigned a Bedford Area School District Google Apps For Education account.

Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Internet/Student Work User Agreement and Parent Permission Form

Section I: Internet Access

The Bedford Area School District is committed to using educational technology to prepare students to thrive in a dynamic world. The Internet contains vast amount of information that expands the learning experiences for our students. Student safety is a high priority, and we have employed content filtering to block most unsuitable sites. While it is our intent to provide Internet services to further educational goals and objectives, students may find ways to access inappropriate materials. If a student purposely attempts to access, download, call attention to or print inappropriate content, his or her Internet access privileges may be restricted or revoked and school disciplinary action may be taken. The District's Acceptable Use of Computer Network and Equipment Policy (815) will govern the use of Internet access for students and can be referenced on our website. We believe that the benefits of providing students access to the Internet, in the form of informational resources and opportunities for collaboration, exceed any disadvantages. To use these resources, all students must sign and return this form and obtain parental permission.

My child may use the Internet Yes No

Section II: Student User Agreement

As a User of the Bedford Area School District's Computer Network, I hereby agree to comply with the Acceptable Use of Computer Networks and Equipment Policy (815). I will use the network in a responsible manner while abiding by all relevant laws and restrictions. I understand that if I violate this policy, I am subject to the consequences for inappropriate use as determined by the appropriate district policies.

Student Name (Please Print): _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Section III: Permission to Publish Student Works and Photographs on the Internet

To showcase student success, your child's work, picture and/or opinion may be chosen to represent the school district on our website or a school district-sponsored publication or local newspaper or television. As a parent/guardian, this is your choice. Before your child's work, picture and/or opinion can be published, we first must have your permission. For additional information, please refer to the District's Policy (238), Publishing Student Works and Photographs on the Internet, at the school's website.

My child's picture, work and/or opinion may be on the District website. Yes No

My child's picture, work and/or opinion may appear in local media. Yes No

Section IV: Parent/Guardian Permission

Please discuss the above with your child, complete the check boxes, and sign below. Return this form to your school's office, and if you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's principal. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

By signing this, you agree to have your child abide by the requirements of the Bedford Area School District policies in coordination with the choices selected above.

Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____