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Google Apps for Education, Permission Form Student Email, Online Documents, Calendar, Videos and Sites

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Solomon Unified School District 393 would like to utilize “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.

The following services are available to each student and hosted by Google as part of USD 393’s online presence in Google Apps for Education:

- Email – an individual email account for school use managed by Solomon Unified School District 393
- Calendar – an individual calendar providing the ability to organize schedules, daily activities and assignments
- Docs/Drive – a word processing, spreadsheet, drawing and presentation toolset that is very similar to Microsoft Office
- Sites – an individual and collaborative website creation tool
- Video – access and storage for project videos

Using these tools, students collaboratively create, edit and share files and websites for school related projects and communicate via email with other students and teachers. Google Apps for Education is available at home, the library or anywhere with Internet access. School Staff will monitor student use of Apps when students are at school. Parents are responsible for monitoring their child’s use of Apps when accessing programs from home. Students are responsible for their own behavior at all times. Examples of student use include; showcasing class projects, building an electronic portfolio of school learning experiences and working in small groups on presentations to share with others.

Technology use in Solomon School District is governed by federal laws including:

Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA)

COPPA applies to commercial companies and limits their ability to collect personal information from children under 13. By default, advertising is turned off for Solomon Unified School District 393’s

presence in Google Apps for Education. No personal student information is collected for commercial purposes. This permission form allows the school to act as an agent for parents in the collection of information within the school context. The school's use of student information is solely for education purposes. - COPPA – <http://www.ftc.gov/privacy/coppafaqs.shtml>

Child Internet Protection Act (CIPA) The district is required by CIPA to have technology measures and policies in place that protect students from harmful materials including those that are obscene and pornographic. This means that student mail containing harmful content from inappropriate sites will be blocked. - CIPA – <http://fcc.gov/cgb/consumerfacts/cipa.html>

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) FERPA protects the privacy of student education records and gives parents the rights to review student records. Under FERPA, schools may disclose directory information but parents may request the school not disclose this information. - FERPA – <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa>

Guidelines for the responsible use of Google Apps for Education by students:

1. **Official Email Address.** All students will be assigned a username@students.usd393.net email account . This account will be considered the student's official email address until such time as the student is no longer enrolled with the Solomon Unified School District 393.

2. **Conduct.** Students are responsible for good behavior just as they are in a traditional school building. Students are not permitted to use obscene, profane, threatening or disrespectful language. Communication with others should always be school related. Students should never say anything via email that they wouldn't mind seeing on a school bulletin board or in the local newspaper. Students should notify the teacher of anything inappropriate or that makes them uncomfortable. Bullying will not be tolerated and the privacy of others should be respected at all times. (Please refer to the Student Handbook and AUP form)

3. **Access Restriction.** Access to, and use of, student email is considered a privilege accorded at the discretion of Solomon Unified School District 393. The District maintains the right to immediately withdraw the access and use of these services, including email, when there is reason to believe that violations of the law or District policies have occurred. In such cases, the alleged violation will be referred to a building administrator for further investigation and adjudication.

4. **Security.** Solomon Unified School District 393 cannot and does not guarantee the security of electronic files located on Google systems. Although Google does have a powerful content filter in place email, the District cannot assure that users will not be exposed to unsolicited information.

5. **Privacy.** Solomon Unified School District 393 and all electronic users should treat electronically stored information in individuals' files as confidential and private. Users of student email are strictly prohibited from accessing files and information other than their own. The District reserves the right to access the user's Google account, including current and archival files of user data, at will or when deemed appropriate by administrators.