



Goals for Implementing Google Apps for Education (GAPE)

Nurturing and supporting our students to develop both:

- **Digital Literacy**: “the ability to use information and communication technologies to find, evaluate, create, and communicate information, requiring both cognitive and technical skills” (ala.org).
- **Information Literacy**: “a set of abilities requiring individuals to “recognize when information is needed and have the ability to locate, evaluate, and use effectively the needed information” (ala.org).

MPS Frequently Asked Questions about GAPE may be found here:
<https://sites.google.com/a/mpsdnj.us/mpsdnj/>



LAWS:

- Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA)
- Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)
- Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA)
- Universal Service Access Company (USAC/ E-rate)



Past Practices and Issues

- Teachers in our Middle and High schools routinely communicated with students.
- Teachers supported *digital workflows* by having students use their own personal or commercial e-mail accounts.
- Students in Grades 6-12 have used their own personal/commercial e-mail accounts including: G-mail, Verizon, and Yahoo.



Challenges with Commercial e-mail Accounts

- used by more than 90% of our grades 9-12 students, over our network -

- These *commercial/consumer* e-mail accounts (G-mail, Verizon, Yahoo, etc) are not filtered for CIPA, COPPA, or FERPA.
- When students use these personal e-mail accounts over our network we are not able to:
 - block inappropriate content – or advertisements
 - stop e-mail providers from mining student data
 - block e-mail providers from sharing data with other companies for commercial purposes.




Google Apps for Education (GAFE)



is a safer choice because:

- GAFE accounts are not the same as *commercial* Google accounts.
- GAFE and GAFE e-mail accounts include:
 - filters for content inappropriate for minors (CIPA)
 - agreements that Google does not share personally identifiable information (FERPA)
 - agreements that Google does not track user data (COPPA)



GAFE Agreements represent a legally compliant, secure, student solution.

- Applications for GAFE accounts went home to students in Grades 6-12 as school opened.
- The six-page agreement mentions benefits such as:
 - increased collaboration between students and teachers
 - integration with “Turn-it-In” used by many High School English teachers
 - Integration with Blackboard course-content management software

Families have the option to opt-in to these agreements.



Appropriate, Legally Compliant, Secure Solution

- **Middle School & High School**

Grades 6 - 12 receive Google (GAFE) Accounts, with a g-mail account that is a “walled garden” – or closed to all other e-mail domains except @mpsdnj.us

Again, families have the option to opt-in to these agreements.



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Other Campuses using GAPE

Some K-12 School Districts	Some Colleges and Universities
<p>Millburn Township Public Schools Livingston School District West Orange School District School District of the Chathams Bridgewater-Raritan Regional S.D. Pascack Valley Regional High S. D.</p>	<p>Yale University Northwestern University Brown University Vanderbilt University University of Notre Dame University of Southern California Wake Forest University William and Mary Brandeis University Case Western Reserve University University of Maryland Boston University Rutgers University Clemson University</p>