



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are in the process of setting up Google Apps for Education (GApps) for students in Spotsylvania County Public Schools (SCPS). This new system, powered by Google, will provide a suite of Google products such as Google Mail, Drive and Calendar 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.

We are excited to offer Google Apps as it represents an important step towards preparing our students for their future, which is the mission of Spotsylvania County Public Schools. The SCPS vision is to inspire and empower all students to become creative thinkers, problem solvers and effective communicators. We will provide a broad spectrum of innovative opportunities while ensuring an engaging and supportive learning environment. GApps is a suite of tools that can help meet the goals of the school division's mission and vision statements to ensure our students have the necessary career and college readiness skills.

What's included in Google Apps?

- **Google Mail** gives 30+ Gigabytes of email/drive storage.
- **Google Calendar** lets students create and share school or class calendars and events.
- **Google Drive** lets students upload, create and share documents, spreadsheets, presentations, drawings, and forms.

What are the benefits of Google Apps?

- Through calendars and email, students can stay informed about the latest assignments and activities.
- Anytime, anywhere access, from any device (smartphone, tablet, laptop, desktop) - Google Apps works on any device with a web browser - which means students can access their email, calendars, and documents from school or at home.
- Students' documents are automatically saved and stored in Google Drive.
- Students can collaborate easily online.
- Teachers can provide comments and feedback directly in students' documents.
- Students can develop an e-portfolio of work throughout their years at the school.

For more information about Google Apps and your student, visit: gapps4kids.spotsylvania.k12.va.us.

We are excited to bring these tools to Spotsylvania County Public Schools. If you **do not** wish for your student to have a GApps account, please fill out the attached form and return it to the school by **APRIL 11, 2014**.

Regards,

Troy Wright, Ph.D.
Principal



If you do **NOT** want your student to have a Google Apps account, please fill out this form and return to the Main Office by April 11, 2014 or email twright@spotsylvania.k12.va.us by April 11, 2014.

If we do not receive this form, your child **will** be given a GApps account.

_____ I **DO NOT** want my student to have access to a Google Apps account.

Student's Name (print) _____

Parent/Guardian Name (print) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

Comments: We would like to be able to address concerns that parents/guardians might have about Google Apps for their students. Please provide comments or concerns below: (optional)