



Google Apps for Education Parental Consent Form

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you know, technology is an integral part of the iSTEM Early College High School's unique curriculum, and we strive to use technology in ways that will assist learning and prepare students for life after graduation. iSTEM students, teachers, and staff use Google Apps for Education to allow students to collaborate on school projects, communicate with their teachers and one another, and continue learning regardless of their location. Google Apps for Education are provided without advertisements and include the following online services for students:

- **Email** ~ an individual email account for school use, managed by iSTEM
- **Calendar** ~ an individual calendar used to record and collaborate on assignments, educational activities, or project schedules
- **Drive** ~ a set of tools providing for the creation and storage of word processing documents, spreadsheets, presentations, etc.
- **Sites** ~ allows the creation of shared online workspaces for classes and projects

To set up the necessary Google Apps for Education account for your child, iSTEM provides Google only with a username, and no other personal information is required to open the account. However, given the nature of the services being provided, your student's email, assignments, projects, and other classwork stored in Google Apps for Education will likely include personal information about your child. Google has agreed to comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), the federal law that protects the confidentiality of student educational records and personally identifiable information, and to adhere to industry standards with respect to the security of the information. You can read more about Google's privacy practices on their website at <http://www.google.com/policies/privacy/>. The terms of Google's agreement with iSTEM Geauga are at: http://www.google.com/apps/intl/en/terms/education_terms.html.

We believe that your child's use of the Google Apps for Education is important to his or her success and involvement in iSTEM. However, we recognize that as a parent, you may be concerned about the inherent risks present in any online environment. To help protect the safety of your student while online, iSTEM provides training to all students regarding online security, the sharing of personal information online, and other appropriate online behavior. As is the case with all online activity in iSTEM's program, student use of Google Apps for Education is governed by iSTEM's Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) and the Student Code of Conduct, both provided to you via email and are available in the iSTEM office.

iSTEM needs your written consent for your student's use of Google Apps for Education. Please sign and return the attached form at your earliest convenience, indicating your receipt and understanding of the information contained in this letter and your agreement that your child be given access to the technology described above. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Tamee Tucker at tucker@istemghs.org.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Tamee Tucker,
Chief Academic Officer



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By signing below, I confirm that I have read and understand the attached letter and agree to all of the following:

- iSTEM may give my child access to, and my child may use, Google Apps for Education pursuant to iSTEM's agreement with Google. This means my student will be assigned a Google Apps for Education account managed by iSTEM and will be granted access to the applications and tools available through these services.
- The electronic collection and storage of personal information about my child by Google is a basic element of Google Apps for Education. Google has agreed to abide by federal student confidentiality law regarding this information and to follow industry standards with respect to the security of this information. I understand that the information stored in Google Apps for Education will be subject to Google's privacy practices as indicated on their website.
- While a number of security controls are in place pursuant to Google's agreement with iSTEM, due to the nature of this online environment and the risks inherent in the online exchange of information, iSTEM cannot guarantee that my child's personal information will never be accessed by parties other than those authorized to access it.

I give consent for my child to use Google Apps for Education.

Student's Name (Printed): _____

Student's Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____