



N. A. Ferri Middle School

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Nicholas A. Ferri Middle School is committed to providing students with the best educational resources and technology. Toward this end, we are implementing a suite of online applications called Google Apps for Education to integrate 21st century technology tools into the curriculum. This integration of curricula and technology called **blended learning** is an education program in which students learn at least in part through delivery of content and instruction via digital and online media with some element of control over time, place, path, or pace. As with any educational endeavor, a strong partnership with families is essential to a successful experience. With this letter we are sharing information regarding the use of Google Apps for Education and are requesting your parental permission for your student to use Google Apps.

The following services are available to each student and hosted by Google as part of Nicholas A. Ferri Middle School's online presence in Google Apps for Education:

- Docs/Presentation/Sheets - a word processing, spreadsheet, drawing and presentation toolset that is very similar to Microsoft Office
- Classroom- Online teacher/student communication tool and assignment delivery
- Calendar - an individual calendar providing the ability to organize schedules, daily activities, and assignments
- Sites - an individual and collaborative website creation tool
- Mail - an individual internal email account for school use managed, monitored and filtered by the Johnston School Department. The email domain is closed so only Ferri teachers and staff may interact. Student email accounts will be comprised of the first initial of their first name-last name@ferrimiddle_(kjones@ferrimiddle.org)

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. These services are entirely online and available 24/7 from any Internet-connected computer. Students will have training on how to use Google Apps for Education during the first few weeks of 6th grade.

Access to and use of the student's Google account is considered a privilege. Johnston Public Schools maintains the right to terminate the access and use of any Google account when there is reason to believe that violations of law or district policies have occurred.

We are excited about implementing Google Apps for Education. Please return the permission form so that we may begin the process.

Sincerely,

____YES, I give permission for my child to be assigned a full Nicholas A. Ferri Middle School Google Apps for Education account. This means my child will receive an email account, access to Google Docs, Classroom, Calendar and Sites.

____NO, I do not give permission for my child to be assigned a full Nicholas A. Ferri Middle School Google Apps for Education account. This means my child will NOT receive an email account, access to Google Docs, Classroom, Calendar and Sites.

Student Name: (Print)_____Grade:_____

Parent/Guardian Signature:_____Date:_____