

Dear Families,

This year in Worthington all students in 2nd -12th grade will have access to a Worthington Google Apps for Education Account (GAFE)..

Worthington GAFE is an integrated communication and collaboration solution, hosted by Google and managed by Worthington. GAFE will provide the ability for Worthington students, faculty and staff to communicate (email), store files and collaborate on documents, spreadsheets, and presentations in real time from school, work, or home. This is all within a secure online environment.

Teachers can use Google Apps to facilitate group projects and use the history tool to see the level of participation of each student in a group. Teachers will be able to give feedback to students directly in documents shared with a teacher. Turning in assignments will be as easy as sharing the file in Google Docs with the teacher or by emailing it to the teacher through the student's Worthington Google Apps Mail account.

Over the next few weeks, with teacher guidance, students will activate their GAFE account and their password from a computer at school. Once the student has an active account it is simple to log in:

- Go to <http://www.google.com> and log in using his or her full GAFE mail address (username@wscloud.org) and password.
- Google Chrome is the recommended browser for Google Apps.

We believe that Worthington Google Apps for Education will enrich the student experience and create collaborative learning experiences. For more information on Worthington Google Apps for Education please reference our technology plan at: <http://www.worthington.k12.oh.us//site/Default.aspx?PageID=2146>

It's going to be a great school year in Worthington!

Respectfully,

Dr. Trent Bowers, Assistant Superintendent

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