



Students in the Gretna Elementary schools have a wonderful opportunity to learn about cloud-based computing. Gretna Public Schools is a Google Apps for Education school. All 3rd-5th grade students have been given access to a Google Apps for Education account. This gives the student the ability to create text documents, presentation slideshows, spreadsheets, maps and forms, much like Microsoft Office. At this time, 3rd-5th grade students only have access to the Office-like apps at the elementary schools. They do NOT have email accounts.

As a result, students will be mobile in their ability to work on school assignments and projects. They will be able to create a document in a lab at school and later work on it from a laptop that they check out or even work on the document from home. In addition, students can share the work they create with their teachers.

Since the Google Apps are account-based, each student must have his or her own username and password. Internet safety and etiquette are a major concern and focus for our students. These topics are covered immediately when introducing Google Apps. This includes password management and security, how to share a document, and how to conduct one's self when writing for the Internet.

Student usernames generally follow this format: <last two digits of graduation year><first two letters of first name><entire last name>@gpsne.org

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rade example: 28sasample@gpsne.org

4th grade example: 27sasample@gpsne.org

5th grade example: 26sasample@gpsne.org

Student passwords are set up for students. If you would like to know your child's password, please ask your child to share their password with you or you can ask your child's technology teacher at their school.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your elementary school technology

specialist.