

MISD Secondary Students Get Email

In December, each Mesquite ISD high school student received an email account, and middle school students will receive theirs very soon. Our student email accounts are hosted by Gaggle, a safe, filtered, and monitored email system designed specifically for use with students. Gaggle allows schools to provide email accounts for students while supporting the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) and the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). Gaggle email accounts may be accessed by students from any computer with an Internet connection - from home, school, or elsewhere.

Using Gaggle, MISD can filter all email messages for inappropriate words and images, including attached files, and divert those messages to the student's email administrator for review. On every campus, the email administrator may view a student's email account at any time.

In addition to email accounts, Gaggle provides students with two means of managing their work. Each student will have the use of his or her own digital storage locker, which may be used as a means of storing documents and other digital items that need to be accessible from home and school. Further, teachers may utilize the homework drop box with students, a feature which allows students to submit their work online. Using either or both of these additional features will allow students to reduce their reliance on printing at home or saving work to a separate drive. Teachers who use the homework drop box will be able to access the student work that has been submitted at any time, while the campus email administrator will have 24/7 access to students' digital storage lockers. Finally, Gaggle email offers built-in language translation, spell check, and an auditory feedback system that will read emails aloud.

We're very excited to bring email technology to our secondary students. Using email will allow Mesquite ISD teachers and students to collaborate and communicate in a secure environment. For more information on student email, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/gaggleparentinfo>.