

**West Seneca Central School District**  
**Student Cloud Computing**  
**Parent Information Document**

The West Seneca Central School District (WSCSD) is implementing a student / teacher collaborative environment initiative. This initiative will allow students and teachers to collaborate on projects, documents and homework from nearly anywhere with an internet connection. This will allow access to materials from numerous computing devices, ie: Tablet, cellphone, or computer. We are excited to offer this new program and feel that it will allow students to more readily access classroom assignments.

Things you need to know...

This program will use one or more cloud service providers to provide cloud based (online) resources to student and teachers, where they can work collaboratively. Cloud computing will allow students to build and strengthen 21<sup>st</sup> century skills through the use of these comprehensive, relevant, and engaging resources.

The first of these resources we will be deploying is Google for Education. Google for education includes numerous online resources, including but not limited to

. Google apps

- Docs- Word Processing
- Sheets – Spread sheets
- Slides – Presentation Creation
- Drive – Cloud Storage
- Gmail- Email

-Google Classroom

Classroom is designed to help teachers create and collect assignments digitally, including time-saving features like the ability to automatically make a copy of a Google document for each student. It also creates Drive folders for each assignment and for each student to help promote higher levels of organization.

Students will be able to easily keep track of what is due on the Assignments Page as well as be able to complete work with a simple click. Teachers will be able to monitor student progress in “real-time” and provide meaningful feedback to promote student growth and understanding.

Student work and assignments will be securely stored on Google servers. This work will be accessible by their teacher, other students if it is a group assignment, as well as others stakeholders, as applicable. Google has signed the Student Privacy Pledge which has been endorsed by President Obama. Through use of the Google for Education services, Google guarantees to keep student data secure, comply with Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), and will not serve advertisements or use student data to target Ads.

**For more information, please consider the following resources:**

Google Apps for Education (Online) Agreement

[https://www.google.com/apps/intl/en/terms/education\\_terms.html](https://www.google.com/apps/intl/en/terms/education_terms.html)

Student Privacy Pledge

[http://studentprivacypledge.org/?page\\_id=45](http://studentprivacypledge.org/?page_id=45)