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South Country Central School District Parent Consent Form for Google Apps for Education  
(submit one per child)

**THIS FORM ONLY NEEDS TO BE SUBMITTED IF YOUR CHILD DOES NOT HAVE A SOUTH COUNTRY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT GOOGLE ACCOUNT**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The South Country Central School District (SCCSD) is transitioning to the utilization of Google Apps for Education (GAFE) for students, teachers and staff. Google Classrooms are designed to help teachers create and collect paperless assignments. Teachers are eager to set up a Google Classroom as it affords the teacher greater opportunity to differentiate in order to maximize student learning outcomes. A student must have a Google Apps for Education account in order to participate in a Google Classroom. Furthermore, the Drive folders afford teachers and students the opportunity to organize their assignments, creating easier access. If a student does not have a Google Apps for Education account, s/he will still be permitted to use a chromebook, but the student would not be able to join Google Classroom.

**Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA)**

COPPA applies to commercial companies and limits their ability to collect personal information from children under 13. By default, advertising is turned off for SCCSD presence in Google APPs for Education. No personal student information is collected for commercial purposes. This permission form allows the school to act as an agent for parents in the collection of information within the school context as per Board Policy # 8271. The school's use of student information is solely for education purposes.

COPPA – <http://www.ftc.gov/privacy/coppafaqs.shtm>

**Guidelines for the responsible use of Google Apps for Education by students:**

1. **GAFE Account.** All students will be assigned a [username@southcountry.org](mailto:username@southcountry.org) account. This account only permits access to GAFE and is **not an email account**.
2. **Prohibited Conduct.** Please refer to the SCCSD Acceptable Use Policy.
3. **Access Restriction.** Access to use of a student GAFE account is considered a privilege accorded at the direction of the SCCSD. SCCSD maintains the right to immediately withdraw the access and use of these services when there is reason to believe that violations of law or SCCSD policies have occurred. In such cases, the alleged violation will be referred to a building Administrator for further investigation and adjudication.
4. **Security.** SCCSD cannot and does not guarantee the security of electronic files located on Google systems.

Although Google does have a

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powerful content filter in place for email, the school/district cannot assure that users will not be exposed to unsolicited information.

By signing below, I confirm that I have read and understand the following:

Under FERPA, a student's education records are protected from disclosure to third parties. I understand that my student's education records stored in Google Apps for Education may be accessible to someone other than my child and the SCCSD, by virtue of this online environment. My signature below confirms my understanding that by participating in Google Apps for Education, information about my child will be collected and stored electronically. I have read the privacy policies associated with use of Google Apps for Education (<http://www.google.com/a/help/intl/en/edu/privacy.html>).

I understand that I may contact my child's building administration to be removed at any time.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I do give permission for my child to be assigned a SCCSD Google Apps for Education account.

\_\_\_\_\_ No, I do not give permission for my child to be assigned a SCCSD Google Apps for Education account.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Building: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: Please return to the main office of the building that your child attends.**