

Safe Classroom Email? ..it does exist!



If you are looking for a safe, inexpensive way to provide email accounts to your students, then Gaggle is the solution for you. Over 9,000 schools have already signed up for Gaggle's secure email system, designed specifically for K-12 schools.

"Putting our entire K-12 student population on the Gaggle service was the best thing that I have accomplished in a long time! I no longer fear that improper or obscene mail is leaving or entering our children's mailboxes. That feeling of security carries over to the administration and parents as well!"

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Gaggle.Net makes email safe, because it gives the educator control. Messages with unfriendly or offensive language are routed to the educator first for review. Student usage and outsider messages, including spam, are also easily controlled. Because Gaggle is web based, mail can be accessed through any browser, from any internet-connected computer. Students can read their mail at home, in the classroom or in the library.

Because Gaggle is a fully customizable solution, you can decide which words and phrases are inappropriate for your students. You can also setup rules to control exactly who can and who cannot communicate with your users. If you are worried about inappropriate photos getting to your students you can simply block attachments, and view them before they arrive in your student's mail box.

The free version of Gaggle is available to all schools and is supported by education friendly advertisers. This version is provided so that teachers can use the system and convince their district decision makers of the many benefits of Gaggle's student email solution.

When your school is ready, you can purchase a subscription version of Gaggle that has no advertising and many extra features. The price per user can be as little as \$2 per year, and up to 90% of the cost can be covered by E-rate funding.

Teachers and schools can get more information or sign up for a group account at www.gaggle.net, or by calling **800-288-7750**.



Teacher Controlled Email for Students

Problem Free Email for Teachers



Email is Educational

A special kind of learning takes place when students interact via email. Beyond writing and typing activities, a few other lesson ideas include:

Email Mentors: many projects exist to match successful adults with students who can benefit from the interchange.

Daily Media: online newspapers and newsletters delivered via email. Examples include: a daily fact, word, historical event, poem, political quotation, and many others.

Electronic Pen Pals: a chance to learn about another person, one email at a time.

Question and Answer: includes everything from ask a reporter to ask a scientist. There are many companies and individuals willing to respond to students who ask questions via email.

Impersonations: interchange with others who are in character as a way to learn about great people in history, different cultures, etc.

Free Version

Over 9,000 schools have already signed up for the free version of Gaggle. The free version is available so that teachers can demonstrate to the district that student email can be safe and provides many valuable learning opportunities.

The free version is limited to 2.5 megabytes of storage space per user and is partially supported by advertising. All advertisements are screened for appropriate content.

Subscription Version

When districts subscribe to Gaggle, all advertising is turned off and the storage per user is increased to 25 megabytes. Other subscription features include:

- Virus Protection
- Spam Protection
- Pop3 / SmtP Access
- Online Spell Checking
- Classroom Message Boards
- Teacher Controlled Chat Rooms

The price can be as little as \$2 per user per year. Since Gaggle is a Priority 1, E-rate eligible service, every district that requests Gaggle will receive E-rate funding for up to 90% of the cost.

Hosting your own Gaggle Server

Your school or district can purchase its' own Gaggle email server to be hosted on your internal network. (Equipment provided by the district.)

Gaggle technicians will remotely install and configure the system on your hardware. Multiple schools can be setup and run from the same system. The first year cost starts at \$6,000 for the server and 75¢ for each account needed beyond 5,000 users. The license for subsequent years is discounted by about 50% and includes all upgrades and new features.

Give us a call for more information on our server-based option.

Custom Features

Gaggle.Net supports custom domains with the accounts such as user@Spartan_High.com. The cost for using a custom domain name with your Gaggle accounts is only \$200 per year.

You can easily setup a custom login screen linked to your school's web site. It's even possible to customize the look of the Gaggle web site with your own logos, artwork and rotating messages.

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