

Mokena 159 Technology Opt-Out Form

We live in a global and digital world -- a world changed by technology and new ideas about how we communicate with one another. In Mokena SD 159, we realize that students must develop the research, information fluency, and technology skills that will allow them to be successful in this digital world, as well as the skills necessary to live safely and ethically. For this reason, the District provides computer access privileges, as well as access to the Internet, email, digital communication and collaboration tools, online learning spaces, and electronic educational resources. These resources, tools, and equipment are essential to teaching and learning in Mokena Public Schools.

Standard applications and accounts that are created for Mokena students include:

- Active Directory -- These credentials are used to log on to any district-owned computer within the Mokena School District network and provide students with a network travel folder for storing documents.
- Skyward Student Access -- This provides a student view of the Skyward student information system. Students can view announcements, schedules, grades, assignment information, and discipline information.
- G-Suite for Education – A collection of services that are hosted by Google but managed by Mokena159. Students are able to log into their Mokena Google account anywhere where Internet access is available. Teachers are also able to log into their accounts to provide feedback to students at anytime and anywhere. Provided G-Suite services:
 - Email - an individual email account for school use managed by the Mokena School District. The email account will be for login purposes only and NOT for sending and receiving emails from K-5.
 - Google Docs / Google Drive – a word-processing, spreadsheet, drawing, and presentation toolset that is very similar to Microsoft Office.

Parents or guardians have the right to terminate their child's access to electronic tools and resources by signing and submitting the *Technology Opt-Out Form*. Attached is a copy of the *Technology Opt-Out Form*. Parents or guardians who wish to terminate their child's access to the Internet, online learning spaces, online resources, and communication and collaboration tools must complete this form for each child and must submit the form to the main office of their child's school. This Opt-Out will remain in effect for a single school year.

Technology use is governed by federal laws including:

- 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 Mokena G-Suite Portal. 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. The school's use of student information is solely for education purposes.

- Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA)

Under CIPA, the district is required to filter Internet access and teach online safety. At Mokena School District we take your child's safety and privacy very seriously. The District makes every effort to supervise and monitor student technology use. We use a filter appliance to block access to Internet content that is obscene, pornographic, and harmful to minors. We provide access to secure online learning spaces, and limit access to MPS159 students and teachers. We also use policies and administrative applications to limit access to applications, and limit the ability to share information outside of the MPS159 domain, thus creating a safe and secure place for collaboration within Mokena Public Schools.

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Student's School: _____

Student Name: _____

Student Id Number: _____

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

I do not give permission for my child to be assigned a full Mokena 159 Technology Account Access. This means my child will NOT receive a user account, access to district computers or Google G-Suite and will have to complete assignments differently than the rest of the class. As a result, my child will achieve curricular goals without the use of this technology.

Parent/Guardian Name (PRINT): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____