



A Parent's Guide to School-Issued Gmail Accounts



What does a school-issued Gmail account include?

School email accounts are often the first online accounts that kids manage on their own. They use them to communicate with teachers, collaborate on projects, share files, and chat with peers. Bark for Schools monitors sent and received emails (including attachments and Hangouts chat) on school-issued Gmail accounts for digital dangers.

What are the risks?

When kids receive email and chat access, they have the ability to communicate with practically anyone on the planet. Because of this, potential safety concerns include risky contact with strangers and online predators. Make sure your child tells you who they're talking to online and let them know they can come to you if anyone makes them feel uncomfortable.

Another concern kids may face is cyberbullying. Kids sometimes use group chats and email threads to purposely exclude other students to make mean-spirited comments and spread rumors about them. Remind your child about the importance of kindness and the value of inclusion with their peers.

What about my child's personal accounts?

Kids use more than just their school-issued Google accounts, and it's important to help protect them no matter how they access the internet. Our flagship product, [Bark for Families](#), monitors texts, email, YouTube, and 30+ apps and social media platforms for signs of potential dangers. Our web filtering and screen time management tools empower families to set healthy limits around when and how their kids can use technology.

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