



## Online Accounts Opting Out

Conejo Valley Unified School District, through a thoughtful and innovative environment, encourages the use of instructional software by staff and students. As the district works to fulfill its mission of preparing students for higher education and an evolving workforce, it will increasingly utilize tools and resources that are housed on-line and accessed through the internet. Online accounts are necessary for web based file storage and collaboration tools such as Google Drive, Google Docs, and LEA administered Google email; the Canvas learning management system, Seesaw, and access to various online adopted curricula and textbooks. Web and cloud- based services permit on-line distribution and hand-in of student assignments, on-line based class discussions and collaboration activities, web-based curriculum or learning resources, and in some grade levels, student email.

LEA provisioned student accounts will comply with state and federal student privacy requirements. In California, the Student On-line Personal Information Protection Act SOPIPA (AB1584, SB1777, and AB1442) creates privacy standards for all on-line services catering to K-12 education in California and prevents them from advertising to students, building digital profiles about them, or selling harvested student information to other parties. The LEA believes these restrictions provide a safe environment for students to utilize accounts that are created by the LEA for accessing on-line educational resources and services.

The federal Child On-line Privacy and Protection Act (COPPA) allows LEAs to provide consent on a parent's behalf to create on-line accounts which may collect student information limited to the educational context and for no other commercial purpose. Our local education agency operates under these guidelines to create and manage on-line student accounts. By law, parents may choose to opt out of this implied parental consent by obtaining the Student On-line Account Opt-Out Form from their child's school office, completing the form, scheduling a conference with the school principal, and signing the Opt-Out form in the presence of the principal who will sign receipt of the form after discussing reasons for and the consequences of opting out.

Parents and students should be aware that opting out of LEA managed on-line accounts for students can significantly impact a student's ability to participate in some class lessons and activities and may also impair students from learning state-mandated digital citizenship principles and practicing responsible digital behaviors taught in class. It might also make it more difficult for them to receive assignments, participate in on-line collaborative class projects, submit work to their teacher, or access on-line lessons, digital textbooks, and on-line tutorials. Because the LEA's progressive use of technology to enhance learning is part of its core values, parents recognize the importance of allowing the LEA to carry out its mission to promote responsible digital citizenship and safe on-line practices and behaviors for all students through creating and maintaining on-line student accounts.