Google Apps for Education

Google Apps for Education is a free (and ad-free) set of customizable tools that facilitates communication and collaboration for faculty, staff, and students.

Districts can select from the following services:

Gmail - Offer email to your faculty, students and staff with 2 gigabytes of storage per account, search tools to help them find information fast, and instant messaging built right into the browser. Chat can easily be disabled for the whole school if you don't want students to be able to IM with their accounts.

Google Talk - Teachers and students can call or send instant messages to their contacts for free -- anytime, anywhere in the world. Imagine the possibilities for people collaborating on projects from different locations.

Google Calendar - Everyone can organize their schedules and share events, meetings and entire calendars with others. You can even publish the school calendar on your website to let families know about events like back-to-school nights, homecoming and vacation days.

Google Docs - Students and teachers can create documents, spreadsheets and presentations and then collaborate with each other in real-time right inside a web browser window.

Google Sites - Create a class site and edit it the same way you'd edit a document -- no technical expertise required. Your site can bring together all the information you want to share with your colleagues and students, including docs, calendars, photos, videos and attachments.

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Google Apps for Education – An Overview and Planning for Implementation

Tuesday & Wednesday, July 26 & 27, 2011
Glacier Canyon Conference Center, Wisconsin Dells

Google-certified trainers from Grant Wood Area Education Agency, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, will provide a hands-on introduction to Google Apps for Education for small teams of 2-3 from CESA 5 districts considering implementation on a district or pilot basis. They will share Iowa's experiences with implementation – what worked, what didn't work, and what decisions districts can and should make as they plan for deployment including technical aspects and professional development strategies.

Funding for this two-day training is through Project TILT II EETT ARRA Competitive Grant and offered at no charge for TILT II districts. Fees for other districts will be $75 per person.   Limited to 60 participants. Registration will be via http://www.myquickreg.com/