



Tredyffrin/Easttown School District

To All Parents/Guardians of Middle School Students:

We are writing to share information regarding District-provided email accounts for middle school students. Consistent with a goal in the Tredyffrin/Easttown School District's Strategic Plan to "harness the power of technology to advance learning while engaging and empowering students in a connected world," students in grades 5-12 have the opportunity to use District-provided email accounts. Please note that student email access in grades five and six is restricted to only allow email communication with TESD staff; student-to-student email communication is not enabled in these grades.

Providing email accounts to students affords them the opportunity to take advantage of our cloud storage service, Microsoft Office365. This allows students to access, edit, and save their files from any location (home or school) on any internet connected device, as well as collaborate on documents with classmates and teachers. Additionally, students and teachers in grades 5-12 have consistently expressed an interest in the ability to communicate about schoolwork, such as assignments, through email. Providing student email accounts allows this type of academic communication to take place with both parties using email accounts that are hosted on the District's network.

In addition to online versions of Word, PowerPoint, Excel, and OneNote, families will be able to install the full Microsoft Office suite of applications on up to five personal PCs or Macs for free. Information is available on our website: <https://www.tesd.net/Page/16152>

Please do not hesitate to contact either of us, or Dr. Michael Szymendera, Director of Technology (szymenderam@tesd.net; 610-240-1922), should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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