

# Gaggle.Net

Putting Student Safety Above Everything Else



Safe Student Email  
Safe Blogs  
Safe Chat Rooms  
Safe Profile Pages  
Safe Message Boards  
Safe Digital Lockers

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## What is Gaggle?

Gaggle.Net is a safe web based internet communication system for students where the teacher is always in control. The tools we provide allow schools to feel confident about giving their students access to email and other internet tools.

## How Does Gaggle Work?

Gaggle makes internet communication safe because it gives the educator complete control. Messages with offensive language, questionable domains, banned file types, or pornographic images are automatically rerouted to the student's teacher or administrator for review. Since Gaggle.Net is fully customizable, you can decide which words, phrases, file types, and domains are inappropriate for your students. You have complete control over who communicates with your students.

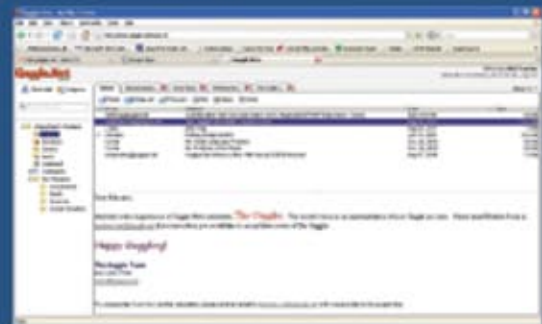
Because Gaggle is web based, students can access their accounts through any internet browser, from any internet connected computer. Students can read their email at home, in the classroom, or in the library. Regardless of where the students access Gaggle, they are always protected by the rules you put in place.

## Gaggle Releases New Dynamic Web Interface: Velocity

Gaggle's new Velocity interface is based on the AJAX framework, giving an appearance similar to applications like MS Outlook, though inside of a web page. Now teachers and students alike can use Gaggle's web interface and get the same productivity they would find in POP3 email clients. With Velocity, your messages and folders load almost instantly, with a significantly faster response time than with traditional web based email.

Some of Velocity's new features include:

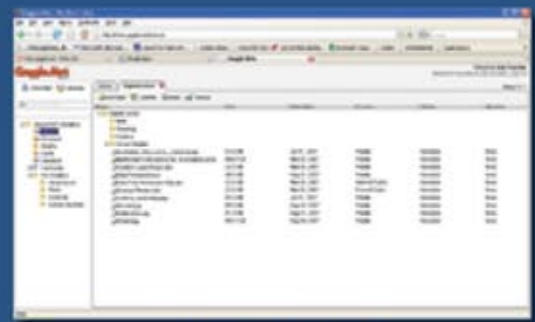
- Each email message opens in a new tab
- Drag and drop messages between folders
- Add addresses to address book using drag and drop commands
- Create new folders with the right mouse button
- Search all email using keywords or phrases
- Upload multiple attachments at the same time
- Advanced message search functionality
- Plus many more!



Mail Interface



Student Blogs



Digital Locker

# How Does Gaggle Support Student Achievement?

## ➔ Email Accounts

- Increase student access to teachers for individual attention and improved relationships
- Increase practice of critical writing skills to support AYP
- Extend the classroom learning environment into the home
- Support learning with Language Translation and Auditory Feedback



*"Gaggle email is an excellent tool for supporting student achievement! My students are more engaged, and their literacy skills are improving everyday as they participate in blogging, message boards, and chat rooms. Gaggle has made it simple to incorporate more writing in all of my classes."*

**Erin Mattis - Teacher  
Leonard Township, AZ**

## ➔ Digital Lockers

- Provide online storage space accessible from anywhere
- Allow teachers to share files with students
- Increase student collaboration and facilitate group projects
- Protect against viruses from floppies and jump drives

## ➔ Blogs

- Foster creativity and improved writing skills
- Provide a safe venue for personal expression and keep students motivated and excited about writing for an audience
- Act as a teacher webpage when used in conjunction with Profile Pages
- Inspire students to become digital content creators

## ➔ Message Boards

- Promote collaboration and higher-level thinking
- Foster 100% participation in content discussions
- Allow for discreet and effective differentiation of instruction
- Motivate reluctant writers



## ➔ Profile Pages

- Encourage self expression
- Promote positive student relationships
- Provide easy access to shared Digital Locker files
- Serve as a teacher webpage when combined with Blogs

## ➔ Chat Rooms

- Provide real time discussions with students in other classes or schools
- Extend the learning environment and the school day
- Allow for additional review and teacher assistance
- Promote effective committee work and an alternative to traditional meetings



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## What Teachers Want to Know

Gaggle.Net offers educators the best Customer Service plan available, and all at no additional cost. The service plan includes:

- Unlimited support via our toll-free number during regular business hours
- Guaranteed 8-hour email response time on nights, weekends, and holidays
- Always speak with a live person and never get caught in voice jail
- Representatives are thoroughly trained on the Gaggle system
- Representatives understand educator's needs

## What the Technology Department Wants to Know

- Gaggle can directly integrate with your Student Management System to automate the process for account creation, deletion, and updating of users.
- Gaggle's Single-Sign-On option integrates with your district's portal system. Students and teachers log into the district's portal and then go straight to Gaggle without entering another username and password.
- Gaggle provides multiple options to help districts meet state and federal open records laws. With our web-base Archiving Solution, Gaggle can now archive your MS Exchange, GroupWise, or even Gmail accounts. We also provide an archiving solution for Gaggle subscribers that can be implemented the same day you order. All Gaggle archiving solutions provide an efficient means of long term storage and painless message retrieval.

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Gaggle.Net provides safe teacher controlled online communication tools that can dramatically change the learning dynamics in your classroom.

# How Does Gaggle Keep Students Safe?

## ➔ Anti Pornography Scanner

- Analyzes pictures to distinguish between safe images and pornography
- Meets CIPA requirements to block visual depictions that are obscene or pornographic
- Analyzes URL content in real-time to block pornographic web sites
- Scans attachments, embedded graphics, digital locker files, and images posted to the blogs



## ➔ Blocking Rules

- Blocked Word lists are fully customizable to restrict inappropriate language and content
- Blocked Address lists control student communication
- Blocked Attachment types restrict unwanted file downloads
- Rules apply to email messages, attachments, and all of Gaggle's internet tools



## ➔ Accessing Student Accounts

- Blocked messages are rerouted to the teacher or administrator for immediate review
- Teachers can easily "drill" into student accounts without a password
- Blocked messages can be forwarded to the teacher's outside address for easy monitoring
- Access and settings can be easily modified on both a group and individual basis



## ➔ District Controls

- District level restrictions can be enforced across all schools as needed
- District administrators can access all accounts at any time
- Allocations of subscription accounts can be easily adjusted between different schools within the district

## ➔ Human Monitoring System

- Optional handling of blocked messages by Gaggle's trained personnel
- Minimizes the number of blocked messages in a teacher's Inbox
- Ensures active monitoring of all student accounts
- Enforces district policies uniformly across all schools

## ➔ Parent Accounts

- Linked to read their children's email for additional monitoring
- Help facilitate easy parent/teacher communication
- Restrictions established by the district

*"In our years of working with Gaggle, we have found them to be diligent in modifying and updating their product with enhancements and new features. Gaggle always has the student's best interest in mind!"*

**Mary Ehlers - Technology  
Facilitator  
Millard Public Schools, NE**

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## Safe Email for Students

### Free Version

Since the launch of Gaggle in 1998, we have offered a free version to schools that do not have the means to pay for our standard subscription service. The free version has no cost and is supported by education-friendly advertising. The free version offers 2.5 megabytes of space per user and messages are stored for a minimum of 90 days. The free version offers all of the same communication tools and safety features as the standard subscription service.

### Subscription Version

The Standard Subscription cost varies depending on the number of accounts purchased and averages between \$3 and \$4 per account per year. It includes 100 megabytes of storage space allocated per user, as well as POP3, IMAP and SMTP access via Outlook, Lotus Notes, etc.

#### Additional Features

- Anti Pornography Scanner
- New Web 2.0 Interface
- Language Translation
- Attachment Content Filtering
- Auditory Feedback System
- Advanced SPAM and Virus Protection
- Advanced Message Search Functionality
- Plus many more!



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