Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

SMCPS uses multiple learning management platforms and environments that are integral to online learning. Listed below are the platform accesses that SMCPS provides for all students.

**Schoology**

Schoology is an integrated learning management solution that provides course management, mobile learning, and support for system-wide communication. Schoology enables our students, parents and teachers to engage with learning materials and their school community from the classroom and beyond. We look forward to using Schoology in our classrooms to enhance connectivity and communication across our school system.

With Schoology, students can digitally submit homework assignments, review grades, participate in interactive discussions, receive announcements and feedback, take tests, write academic blogs, and more. As a parent, you will be able to view your child’s activity within the platform. We value your participation in your child’s education, and we encourage you to read Schoology’s Privacy Policy & Terms of Use at [https://www.schoology.com/privacy](https://www.schoology.com/privacy). Student progress and activity will be monitored by faculty to ensure a safe, secure, and controlled environment.

Within Schoology there will be the option to embed links to outside resources such as our online textbook materials and vetted properly educational websites. Each of these websites and platforms have been thoroughly checked for compliance with all applicable Federal and State laws including COPPA and CIPA.

**Google Apps**

SMCPS works in a Google Apps for Education environment that allows students to utilize Google Sites, Google Drive, Google Maps, and Google Calendar for instructional and collaborative activities. Google applications would be accessible anywhere the Internet is available.

Students under the age of 13 must have parent permission to access these accounts in the online learning environments. In order to utilize these applications, every student will be provided a Gmail account for instructional purposes. The login will be the student’s network log-in @k12.smcps.org and the same network password. Students can only send email to and receive email from staff (staff@smcps.org).

As with anything else, this access is governed by the SMCPS Network Usage Standards found on the SMCPS website and in the [SMCPS Student Handbook](#). Misuse of these applications is subject to disciplinary action.

**Google Meet**

Google Meet is the preferred platform for instructional video conferencing among SMCPS. Both teachers and students must use their SMCPS accounts when video conferencing and only the teacher will be able to control access to the virtual classroom. The SMCPS Acceptable Use Policy and Student Code of Conduct apply during these virtual learning meetings. Teachers may record the meetings (voices only, NOT faces) for instructional purposes but will always notify students at the start of the meeting. If the student turns the camera on, they do so with the consent of the parent/guardian at home. Please note that it is not required that the student turn on their video.