AVRSB Google Apps for Education (GAFE) Implementation Timeline

Google Canada

2014-15 School Year
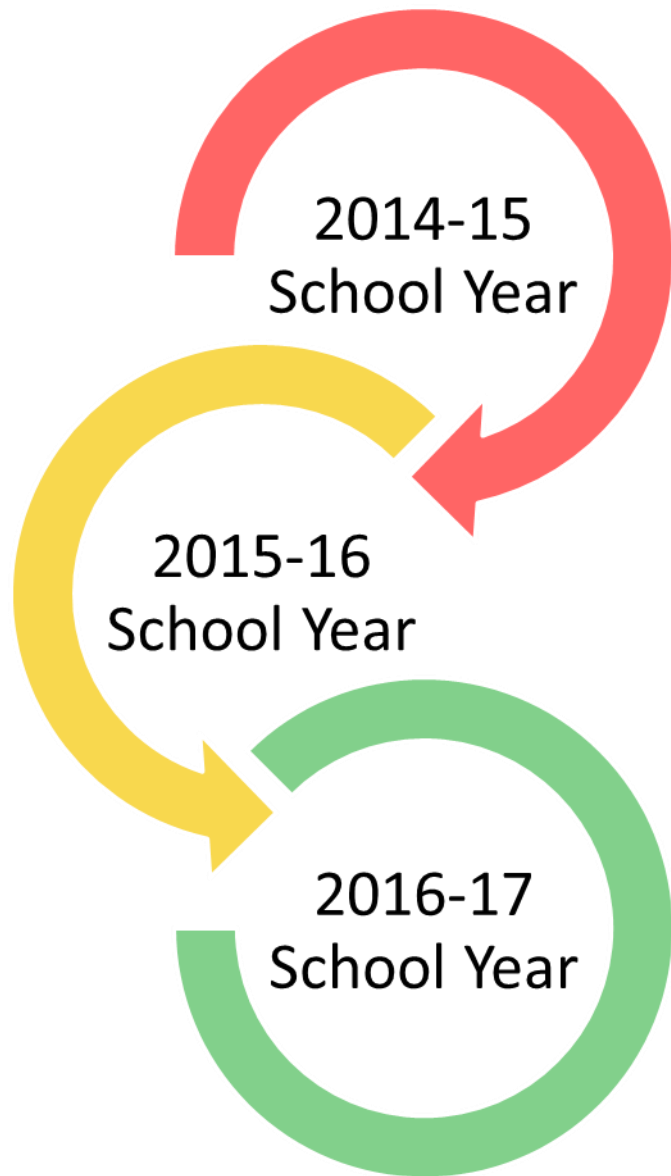
- Google Apps for Education is available upon request for staff and students. An account is provided based on existing email accounts in either staff.ednet.ns.ca or nspes.ca
- Recommend that schools offer a brief introduction during a staff meeting to GAFE and the integration of the service in AVRSB schools.
- Online resources will be made available in December to support staff and students.
- Schools and staff can start requesting professional development through early dismissals, after-school sessions, or through the AVRSB/NSTU PD Fund.
- Existing email, productivity software, and digital storage will remain in place while staff and students switch over to GAFE.

2015-16 School Year

- If schools have not planned for GAFE PD, it is recommended that they arrange for at least one early dismissal with staff. GAFE will be integrated in ongoing PD with Educational Technology staff and other initiatives.
- Staff and students will receive a number of reminders to switch from existing nspes.ca and staff.ednet.ns.ca accounts. We will have a process in place to help move existing email and files off of these systems.

2016-17 School Year

- All staff and students will be expected to use their GAFE accounts for email and digital file storage. Existing accounts in nspes.ca and staff.ednet.ns.ca will not be supported.
- Professional development will continue to evolve as we build upon the foundational 'apps' and add new tools. The system is constantly updated, so we plan to release regular communications around updates and improvements.
- Use of the system will allow for new types of technology and a better integration of personal devices.