

Google Family Link What is it?

Family Link is an app created by Google that allows families to set digital ground rules to help kids stay safe as they learn, play, and explore online. The app helps parents to manage their child's digital life and help them create healthy digital habits. Family Link has the capability to support Android and Chromebook devices, and parents can utilize the Family Link app via their own Android or iOS device.



The benefits to parents

Google Family Link helps parents by providing tools to help each family learn to make healthy decisions about tech use. When a child turns 13 they have the option to exit supervision and manage their own Google Account and device. Parents are able to supervise children over the age of 13 with their child's consent. No matter when it happens, the transition from supervision to self-management can be a great opportunity to start conversations about digital responsibility and staying safe online, while giving your kids the opportunity to gain independence.

Where can I learn more?

google.com/familylink

Highlighted features

1. Manage the content your child sees

Family Link allows you to approve or deny apps your child asks to download from the Google Play Store, and in-app purchases they wish to make. You can also see daily, weekly, or monthly app activity reports, and hide apps on their device when you'd like them to focus elsewhere. For younger users, Family Link also shows teacher-recommended apps that can be added directly to a child's device.

2. Set screen time limits

Parents can set daily screen time limits, a device bedtime, and time limits on individual apps. They can also remotely lock a child's device to enforce a screen time break.

3. See your child's location

This service allows families to locate their child when they are unsupervised or en route to different places. To have the most accurate location, your child's device must be on, recently active, and connected to the Internet.