

Urgent Addendum:

Discovery of Deceptive Use of “Vault” Terminology in Chiba City ICT Systems

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Overview:

This addendum provides critical follow-up information regarding the misuse of the term “Vault” in Chiba City’s public school ICT environment.

We have discovered that a function named “SkyMenu Vault,” used by the city’s educational system, **has absolutely no connection to Google Vault.** Despite its name, this tool **only performs basic terminal locking and website restriction functions** and does **not provide any archiving, logging, or e-discovery capabilities.**

This naming scheme appears to intentionally mimic the Google Vault brand, **which may lead stakeholders—including parents, teachers, and even officials—to falsely believe that data transparency, auditability, and long-term retention policies are in place.**

Key Points:

- “SkyMenu Vault” is a **screen lock & restriction tool**, not a data preservation system.
- There is **no compatibility or integration with Google Vault**.
- Chiba City has **misrepresented its compliance** with educational data auditability standards.

- This discovery ****further strengthens**** our previous claim that Google services are being used in name only, while the actual infrastructure bypasses Google's core transparency tools.

Implications:

If Chiba City or its vendors have referenced "Vault" in public or official documentation, ****this may constitute a deliberate act of misrepresentation**** and brand misuse—particularly if it was meant to imply conformity with Google Workspace for Education data standards.

Request:

We urge Google's Ethics & Business Integrity team to treat this new evidence as part of the ongoing concern regarding the misuse of Google services and terminology in publicly funded education systems.

Please feel free to reach out if additional clarifications or screenshots are required.

Appendix: Visual Confirmation of the "SkyMenu Vault" Misnomer

The following screenshot was taken from an official description of "SkyMenu Vault" and confirms that the tool is used solely for the management of student-submitted notes and assignments.

![SkyMenuVault_Screenshot](attachment_here.png)

As clearly stated, “SkyMenu Vault” does not contain any archival, search, or compliance features commonly associated with Google Vault. This strengthens the claim that the naming was misleading.