

What is Google Voice?

The screenshot shows the Google Voice management interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: "Phones", "Voicemail & Text", "Calls", "Groups & Circles", and "C...". Below the tabs, the user's Google Voice Number is displayed as (567)661-7120, with links for "Change / Port" and "Delete". Under "Forwards calls to:", there are three entries: 1) "Google chat" with the email address "your_name@student.owens.edu" and "Edit" and "Delete" buttons. 2) "Mobile (Verizon)" with the number (419)555-1234 - Mobile, checked boxes for "Receive text messages on this phone" and "Notify me of new voicemails via text", and "Edit", "Delete", and "Activate Google voicemail on this phone" (with a help icon) buttons. 3) "This phone must be verified before it can be used with your account. Verify Now" (highlighted in yellow). Below this, there is a "Home" entry with the number (419)555-4321 - Home and "Edit" and "Delete" buttons. At the bottom, there is a link "Add another phone".

What does it do?

Users can set up a new phone number or use an existing phone number to set up a voicemail box through Google. Users can view voicemails as text messages, text online or listen to them from their phones. Users can set up one number to ring on multiple phone lines. They can also set up a "Do not disturb" rule, which sends calls directly

to voicemail. Users can also send/receive text messages.

Why is this useful?

Users are able to collaborate with group members or contact other users for homework help without having to give out their own phone numbers. They could also set up their Google Voice phone number to ring on multiple phones, insuring that they are able to receive important calls.

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