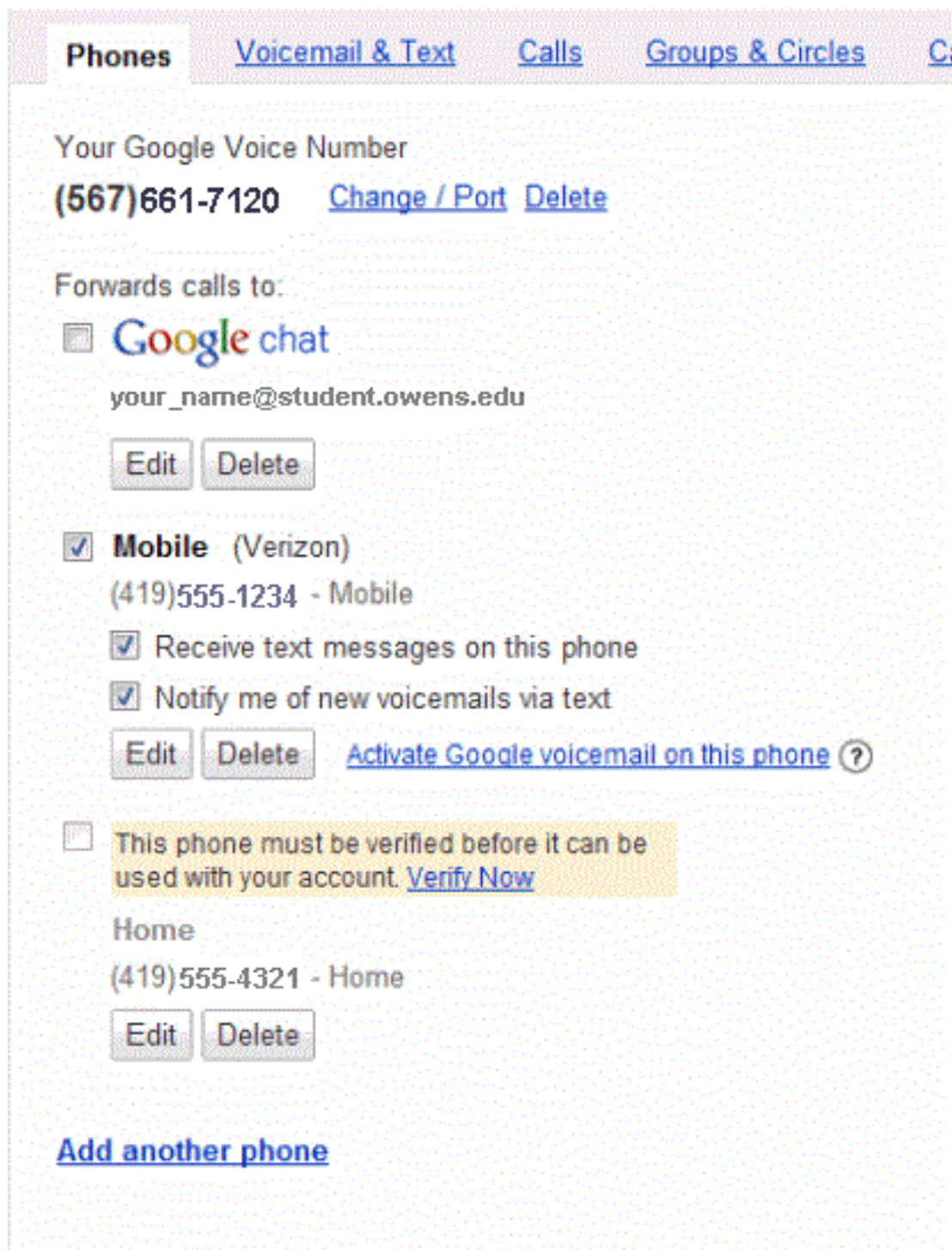


## What is Google Voice?



The screenshot displays the Google Voice management interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: "Phones", "Voicemail & Text", "Calls", "Groups & Circles", and "C...". Under "Phones", the user's Google Voice Number is shown as (567)661-7120, with links for "Change / Port" and "Delete". Below this, the "Forwards calls to:" section lists two forwarding destinations:

- Google chat**  
your\_name@student.owens.edu  
Buttons: Edit, Delete
- Mobile (Verizon)**  
(419)555-1234 - Mobile  
 Receive text messages on this phone  
 Notify me of new voicemails via text  
Buttons: Edit, Delete, [Activate Google voicemail on this phone](#) (?)

A yellow warning box states:  This phone must be verified before it can be used with your account. [Verify Now](#)

Below the warning, the "Home" phone is listed: (419)555-4321 - Home, with buttons for Edit and Delete.

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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