



Northern Local Schools

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To the Parents/Guardians of Students Enrolled in Northern Local School District Programs for the 2024-2025 School Year:

Recently, our state legislators passed Senate Bill 29, which focuses on student data privacy. Governor DeWine signed it into law, and it will take effect October 24th, 2024. This new law requires that the school district provide an annual notice to parents of enrolled students if the district engages in monitoring of school-issued electronic devices.

This new law restricts school districts and their technology providers from electronically accessing or monitoring certain features on school-issued devices. However, there are six specific exceptions under the new law that allow a school district or technology provider to monitor a school-issued device. If any of these exceptions apply, the district is required to provide written notice to parents.

This letter serves as official notification that Northern Local School District will monitor school-issued devices during the 2024-2025 school year for the following approved purposes:

1. The activity is limited to a non-commercial educational purpose, such as instruction, technical support, or exam proctoring by district employees, student teachers, contracted staff, vendors, or the Department of Education, with prior notice provided;
2. The activity is authorized by a judicial warrant;
3. The district or technology provider becomes aware that the device is missing or stolen;
4. The activity is necessary to prevent or respond to a threat to life or safety, with access limited to that specific purpose;
5. The activity is required to comply with federal or state laws;
6. The activity is necessary to participate in federal or state funding programs.

If there are any changes during the 2024-2025 school year to the general monitoring provisions set forth by this notice, the Northern Local School District will provide separate written notice to all parents of students enrolled in the District.

The district will continue to provide education for our students on the appropriate use of electronic devices and the internet. Safety and security have been and will remain at the forefront of our educational records.

Your Partner in Education,


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