



# TRI-VALLEY

*Local Schools*

## GENERAL NOTICE OF MONITORING OR ACCESSING STUDENT ACTIVITY ON SCHOOL-ISSUED DEVICES

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### SB29 introduction

Ohio Senate Bill 29 (SB29) defines how and when schools may access and monitor certain technology—including hardware, software, devices, and accounts—issued for a student’s dedicated personal use by the District or through a technology provider.

Our priority is always the safety and growth of our students, and the District is committed to following all relevant guidelines. This serves as advance general notice that the District and its technology providers may monitor and electronically access students’ school-issued technology for educational and compliance purposes.<sup>1</sup> Please note that the District has NOT implemented any new or changed monitoring services.

For more information on SB29, please visit [www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/135/sb29](http://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/135/sb29).

### Access and monitoring

The District and its technology providers protectively monitor and may electronically access students’ school-issued technology for the following permissible reasons:

1. Noncommercial educational purposes for instruction, technical support, and exam proctoring
2. Compliance with federal or state laws, federal or state funding programs, or judicial warrants
3. Notification or awareness that a device is lost or stolen
4. When necessary to prevent or respond to a threat to life or safety

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<sup>1</sup> This advance general notification is provided pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (ORC) [§3319.327](#) as revised by Ohio’s 35th General Assembly, Senate Bill 29, signed by Governor DeWine on July 24, 2024. SB29 is effective as of October 24, 2024.

## 1. Educational purposes

The District uses a variety of educational platforms as a part of daily instruction and school operations, including, but not limited to:

- ProgressBook gradebook and student information system
- Google Workspace for Education, including Google Classroom
- ChromeOS and Chromebooks
- GoGuardian Admin and Teacher

Student device interactions and audio/visual features of these platforms are monitored or accessed for educational purposes. Educational technology platform providers are required to handle student information in compliance with applicable state and federal laws, including [SB29](#), [FERPA](#), and [COPPA](#).

## 2. Compliance

Student interactions with school-issued technology, including Web-browsing activity, are monitored and/or electronically accessed in accordance with statutory and funding requirements (e.g. [CIPA](#) and [E-Rate](#)) and as required by judicial warrants.

## 3. Lost or stolen devices

In the event district-issued technology is lost or stolen, lockdown and retrieval procedures are initiated. Location-tracking features, such as data about a device's last known Internet connection, may be used to estimate its location.

## 4. Threat to life or safety

Protective monitoring, proactive alerts, and electronic access to student interactions with district-issued technology, including Web-browsing activity, may be used as a necessary precaution for preventing or in response to threats to life or safety.

## Parent/guardian notifications

In the case that the District or a technology provider accesses school-issued technology pursuant to #3 or #4, above, the District will give notice of that fact to the student's parent or guardian within 72 hours.

If providing notice would pose a threat to life or safety, notification may be provided within 72 hours *after* the threat has ceased.