

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Ohio Senate Bill 29 (SB29) defines the guidelines for how and when schools may access and monitor certain technology—including hardware, software, devices, and accounts—issued to students by the District or through a technology provider. At Northern Local, our priority is the safety and development of our students, and we are committed to following all relevant guidelines to support this goal.

This serves as advance notice that the District and its technology providers may monitor and electronically access students' school-issued technology for educational and compliance purposes. Please note that the District has NOT implemented any new or changed monitoring services.

Access and Monitoring

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

Noncommercial Educational Purposes: Monitoring may be conducted for instructional support, technical support, and exam proctoring.

Compliance: Monitoring ensures adherence to federal and state laws, funding program requirements, or judicial warrants.

Lost or Stolen Devices: Monitoring may be used if a device is reported lost or stolen to aid in recovery.

Life or Safety Threats: Monitoring may be implemented as necessary to prevent or respond to any threat to life or safety.

This notice is provided in compliance with Ohio Revised Code (ORC) §3319.327 as revised by Ohio's 135th General Assembly through Senate Bill 29, effective October 24, 2024.

Educational Purposes

Northern Local uses various educational platforms essential to instruction and school operations, such as:

Infinite Campus, for grading and student information

Google Workspace for Education, including Google Classroom. For more information please visit [Google Workspace for Education](#)

ChromeOS and Chromebooks

These platforms may include monitoring of student interactions and certain audio/visual features strictly for educational purposes. Each provider is required to handle student information in compliance with state and federal laws, including SB29, FERPA, and COPPA.

Northern Local School District maintains a list of Technology Providers and associated contracts which can be reviewed at: [Educational Technology Contract Registry](#)

Compliance

Students' Web-browsing activity and interactions with school-issued technology are monitored or accessed when required by federal or state law, district funding requirements (e.g., CIPA and E-Rate), or as directed by judicial warrants.

Lost or Stolen Devices

If district-issued technology is lost or stolen, the District's security team may use lockdown and retrieval procedures. Location-tracking features, such as data from the device's last known Internet connection, may be used to assist in recovery.

Threats to Life or Safety

To protect the safety of our school community, the District may implement monitoring, proactive alerts, or access Web-browsing activity to respond to credible threats to life or safety.

Parent/Guardian Notifications

If the District or a technology provider accesses school-issued technology for situations described above, the District will notify the student's parent or guardian within 72 hours. If immediate notification poses a threat, parents will be notified within 72 hours after the threat has subsided.

Questions or Concerns

If you have any questions about this notice or your child's use of school-issued technology, please contact Chris Hill, Northern Local Technology Coordinator at chrishill@nlsd.k12.oh.us.

We appreciate your partnership in supporting safe, responsible, and transparent technology use throughout our schools.

Sincerely,
Angie Gussler, Superintendent
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