



BERKSHIRE LOCAL SCHOOLS

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Dear Berkshire Families,

This letter serves as the District's annual Technology Privacy Notice consistent with Ohio Revised Code 3319.325.327.

The Berkshire Local School District is committed to providing students with seamless access to technology for educational purposes within the school environment. The District may issue students with school-issued devices during the school year. These devices encompass hardware, software, accounts and other tools provided by the District - either independently or in partnership with a technology provider – for the exclusive personal use of an individual student.

Ohio law generally prohibits a school district or its technology provider from electronically accessing or monitoring:

- The location tracking features of a school-issued device
- The audio or visual receiving, transmitting, or recording feature of a school-issued device
- Student interactions with a school-issued device, including but not limited to the keystrokes and web-browsing activity

However, general monitoring is permitted in certain circumstances, and in any year a school district elects to implement general monitoring, parents of enrolled students must be provided notice of such general monitoring.

As a result, the District is notifying you that it implements general monitoring when:

- The activity is limited to a noncommercial educational purpose for instruction, technical support, or exam proctoring
- The activity is permitted under a judicial warrant
- The device is missing or stolen
- The activity is necessary to prevent or respond to a threat to life or safety, and the access is limited to that purpose
- The activity is necessary to comply with federal or state law
- The activity is necessary to participate in federal or state funding programs

In the meantime, parents now have the ability to monitor their child's internet history through Securly Parent.

Securly Parent is an option for you to be able to view your child's internet history at school or at home when your child is using their school-issued device - or any device that your child is using if they are logged into it with their school email account.

You will also have the ability to pause the internet at home or block specific websites if you are using the Securly App.

The Securly App can be downloaded from your smartphone's App Store. Once the app is installed, you will need to type in your email address that you have set up in Infinite Campus.

You will then receive an email from Securly verifying your identity and the app will automatically populate your children. You can learn more about Securly [HERE](#).

If you have any questions about the District's general monitoring practices, or about Securly, please contact technology@berkshireschools.org.

Thank you.

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