

EAST CLINTON LOCAL SCHOOLS

Champions and Ambassadors

Eric Magee
Superintendent

John B. Stanley
Treasurer

Annual Notice of Student Device & Technology Monitoring

(In Compliance with Ohio Senate Bill 29 / R.C. 3319.327)

To: Parents, Guardians, and Students of East Clinton Local School District

From: Department of Technology

Date: August 1st, 2026

Subject: Annual Notification Regarding Student Device Monitoring & Internet Safety

1. Overview & Purpose

In accordance with Ohio Senate Bill 29 (SB 29), East Clinton Local Schools is required to provide annual written notice to parents and guardians detailing how school-issued devices, student accounts, and network infrastructure are monitored.

The District provides digital devices (e.g., Chromebooks, laptops, tablets) and Google Workspace/Microsoft accounts to support academic growth, digital literacy, and classroom instruction. While these resources enhance learning, student privacy and safety remain our top priorities.

2. Our Technology Monitoring Partner: Securly

East Clinton Local Schools utilizes **Securly**, an educational safety and web-filtering platform, to ensure student safety, support classroom instruction, and remain compliant with state and federal regulations.

The District utilizes the following Securly tools:

- **Securly Filter:** Blocks access to illegal, obscene, or age-inappropriate content while connected to the school network or using a school-issued device. This helps the district maintain compliance with the **Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA)** required for federal funding.
- **Securly Classroom:** Allows classroom teachers to monitor student screens during instructional time, push educational web links, and guide students to stay on task during class activities.
- **Securly Aware:** Uses safety monitoring algorithms to scan student activity (such as web searches, emails, and Google Docs) for indicators of potential self-harm, cyberbullying, severe distress, or violent threats.

3. Permissible Monitoring Reasons Under Ohio SB 29

Under Ohio law, East Clinton Local Schools and its contracted technology providers (including Securly) may monitor student interactions on school-issued devices or accounts **only** under the following statutory exceptions:

1. **Non-Commercial Educational Purposes:** To support classroom instruction, assist with technical troubleshooting, or conduct exam proctoring.
2. **Compliance with Laws & Funding:** To comply with CIPA requirements and other federal or state legal mandates tied to educational funding.
3. **Threats to Life or Safety:** To detect, prevent, or respond to an immediate threat to a student's life or physical safety (e.g., automated self-harm alerts generated by Securly Aware).
4. **Lost or Stolen Devices:** To locate a district-owned device that has been reported missing or stolen.
5. **Judicial Warrants:** Pursuant to a lawfully issued court order or judicial warrant.

Note on Prohibited Practices: East Clinton Local Schools does **NOT** engage in routine background surveillance, audio/visual recording, keystroke logging, or location tracking outside of the authorized exceptions listed above.

4. Mandatory 72-Hour Triggered Notice Protocol

If a circumstance requires the District or Securly to access a specific student's device outside of routine web filtering or instructional screen monitoring—specifically in response to a **threat to life/safety**, a **lost/stolen device investigation**, or a **judicial warrant**—the District will provide formal written notice to the student's parent or guardian.

- **Timing:** This notice will be delivered within **72 hours** of access to the device.
- **Delayed Notice Exception:** If providing notice within 72 hours would endanger student safety or compromise an active safety investigation, the 72-hour period will begin immediately after the threat has been resolved.
- **Contents of Notice:** The notice will state the specific feature accessed, a description of the circumstances, and the reason for the action taken.

5. Parent & Guardian Resources

We encourage parents to take an active role in their child's digital journey.

- **Approved EdTech Vendor Portal:** A complete list of approved third-party software, applications, and technology provider contracts utilized by East Clinton Local Schools is publicly available on our district website at <https://www.eastclinton.org/applications>.

6. Questions or Concerns

If you have questions regarding this notice, our internet safety practices, or student data privacy, please contact the Technology Department:

- **Contact Person:** Josh Brakeall, Technology Coordinator
- **Email:** josh.brakeall@eastclinton.org
- **Phone:** 937-584-7430
- **Office Location:** 174 Larrick Road, Sabina Ohio 45169