

# TRIWAY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Triway Local Schools Families,

We are writing to provide you with important information about the monitoring of student devices, specifically in light of the passage of Ohio Senate Bill 29 (SB29). This new legislation introduces updated guidelines regarding how and when schools can access and monitor school-issued devices and resources. While the legislation is new, it is important to note that Triway Local Schools has **NOT** implemented any new or altered monitoring services as a result of SB29. This notice serves as a new requirement mandated by the legislation to ensure transparency.

## Key Provisions of SB29 and Triway Local Schools' Practices:

- **Permissible Monitoring:** Triway Local Schools may monitor school-issued devices for essential educational purposes utilizing GoGuardian. This includes activities such as instruction, providing technical support, proctoring exams, and ensuring compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA).
- **Additional Circumstances for Monitoring:** Device monitoring may also occur under specific circumstances, including:
  - In compliance with a judicial warrant.
  - To locate lost or stolen devices.
  - When there is a clear threat to life or safety.
  - To ensure compliance with other federal or state laws.
  - As required for participation in federal or state funding programs.
- **Types of Monitoring based on Permissible Monitoring or in Above Circumstances:** Monitoring activities may encompass location tracking, audio/visual recording, and observing student interactions with the device, such as keystrokes and web browsing history.
- **Notification Requirements:** Should your child's device be accessed under one of the aforementioned circumstances (other than routine educational purposes like instruction or technical support, which are covered by this general notice), you will receive a notification within 72 hours. This notification will explain the reasons for access, the actions taken, and any relevant safety concerns.

#### Examples of When Monitoring May Occur:

- Instructional Support: A teacher might monitor a student's device during class to help them stay focused on learning tasks and complete assignments effectively.
- Technical Assistance: Our technology department may need to access a student's device remotely to diagnose and resolve a technical issue.
- Exam Integrity: During online assessments, proctoring tools may be utilized to maintain academic honesty and prevent cheating.
- Device Recovery: If a school-issued device is reported lost or stolen, the district may attempt to locate it by tracking its activity.
- Safety Concerns: In situations where there are concerns about a student's immediate safety or the safety of others, the district may need to access their device to investigate and respond appropriately.

#### Our Commitment to Student Privacy:

The safety and privacy of all students remain our highest priority. We are committed to adhering to these guidelines responsibly and with the utmost care.

#### Helpful Resources for Parents:

Data Privacy Agreements: [Approved Vendors](#)

For additional information regarding Ohio Senate Bill 29 (SB29), [please visit this website](#).

Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting our school community.

Sincerely,

Triway Local Schools