Ann Arbor Public Schools Lead. Care. Inspire.	# Securly Web Filter ## 2025-26 Parent Portal Opt-In

What is Securly?

Securly is a cloud-based subscription service that offers K-12 Internet content filtering. Websites that students attempt to visit are checked against a list of categorized sites. If the website is found in a prohibited category, the student's access to the website is blocked. Students have the right to submit a request to have the website unblocked if needed for educational purposes by calling the Student & Family Help Desk at 734-997-1222.

Why is the District Using Securly?

To comply with the federal **Children's Internet Protection Act** (CIPA), public school districts must take steps to prevent students from accessing obscene or pornographic materials while using district services, district-issued accounts, connectivity or equipment. CIPA compliance is required on all school district devices and services, whether they are in use at school or elsewhere. Thus, Securly fills the need for offsite content filtering only on district-issued Google accounts. **CLICK HERE** to access the full parent information/FAQ on the Securly Web Filter.

What is the Securly Parent Portal?

Now parents can get the same peace of mind regarding online safety while school-issued devices are used at home. The AAPS Securly Web Filter provides free parental controls for school-issued devices through an opt-in parent portal. The portal gives parents the ability to:

- *Check Online Activity* - Allows parents to view their child(ren) recent searches, websites visited, and videos watched on their school-owned device(s).
- *Customize Rules* - Permits parents to customize web filtering rules when school devices are in the home.
- *Pause Internet Access* - Parents can use the Home app to turn Internet access on or off with a single tap when the device is away from school.
- *Get Weekly Email Reports* - Every week, parents receive a snapshot of their child's online activity, directly to their inbox.

How Does a Parent Opt-In to the AAPS Securly Parent Portal?

Here are the steps to get started:

1. You will need to fill out and submit the **Securly Parent Portal Program Form**.
2. The email address you sign up with must be in Powerschool and you must be listed as a parent or guardian of the student you are requesting to access.
3. The AAPS ITD Department will register the email you provided with Securly.
4. Look for an email invite directly from Securly within 24-48 hours after you have completed the AAPS Securly Parent Portal Program.
5. The email from Securly will read "Welcome to Securly" in the subject line. This email will have instructions on how to download the free SecurlyHome App (available on Android & iOS devices) and how to get logged in.
6. Other links to support your onboarding: **Securly Parent Portal FAQs** & **Getting Tech Help from Securly**.