



Dear Parents and Guardians:

The State of Ohio recently passed Senate Bill 29: The “Education Record and Student Privacy Bill,” which makes significant changes to the way schools manage, protect, and monitor student data. The Bill was designed to protect student data, while ensuring transparency and accountability for how the data is used.

This letter is to inform you of the changes.

Ohio law generally prohibits a school district or its technology provider from electronically accessing or monitoring (1) the location-tracking features of a school-issued device; (2) the audio or visual receiving, transmitting, or recording feature of a school-issued device; and (3) 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.

A-Tech uses several tools to monitor school-issued devices and to be compliant with the Federal Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). We will continue to use these tools to keep students safe and in compliance with all legal requirements.

A-Tech implements general monitoring when:

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

If any of these situations take place, we must notify parents within 72 hours.

We are working with all of our technology and software providers to ensure compliance with SB 29. You may see an increase in notifications from A-Tech.

If you have any questions about the District's general monitoring practices, please contact Principal Paul Brockett at 440-576-6015 or paul.brockett@atech.edu.