

WAYNE LOCAL SCHOOLS

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

**WE'RE *small* ENOUGH TO
REALLY KNOW OUR
STUDENTS.
THAT GIVES THEM *BIG*
OPPORTUNITIES.**

659 Dayton Road, Waynesville, OH 45068

Phone (513) 897-6971 Fax (513) 897-9605

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing to inform you about new legislation that takes effect on October 24, 2024, in Ohio: Senate Bill 29. This law is designed to further protect the privacy of your child's personal information while at school, in addition to existing privacy laws to which the District already adheres.

While students have no right or expectation to privacy when using District technology resources, the Wayne Local School District and its technology providers are prohibited from electronically accessing or monitoring school-issued devices provided to students unless a legal permissible exception exists. School-issued devices include any hardware, software, devices or accounts that a school district provides to an individual student for that student's personal use.

Because electronic accessing or monitoring of school-issued devices can occur, the Wayne Local School District is required to provide parents / guardians of its enrolled students with general notice that such electronic access and/or monitoring may occur in accordance with legally permissible reasons.

The Wayne Local School District and its technology providers electronically access or monitor your student's school-issued devices for the following statutory reasons:

1. Activity that is limited to non-commercial educational purposes for instruction, technical support, or exam proctoring by school district employees or staff contracted by the District.
2. Pursuant to a judicial warrant.
3. Notification or awareness that the student-issued District device is lost or stolen.
4. Activity is necessary to respond to a threat to life or safety. The access is limited to this purpose alone.
5. Compliance with federal and/or state laws.
6. Required as part of a federal or state funding program.

As part of this notice, the Wayne Local School District is providing you with advance notice that it and/or one of its technology providers intends to electronically access or monitor your student's school-issued devices for reason #1 above. This electronic access or monitoring can only occur when advance notice is provided, and it shall not be done for any reason other than educational purposes as outlined.

In the event that the Wayne Local School District is triggered to electronically access your student's school-issued device for reasons #2 through #6 above, the District will provide you with a 72-hour notice of what features of the device were accessed, a written description of the triggering circumstances, and description of the threat, if any. If the notice itself could pose a threat to life or safety, the 72-hour notice will be provided within 72-hours after the threat has ended.

Sincerely,

Sam Ison

Superintendent