



## **GENERAL NOTICE OF MONITORING OR ACCESSING STUDENT ACTIVITY ON SCHOOL DEVICES**

Ohio Revised Code §3319.327

The Medina County Career Center (MCCC) is required to annually inform parents and guardians to meet the requirements implemented through Ohio Senate Bill 29 (SB29) that was passed by the Ohio General Assembly, effective on October 24, 2024. Technology providers and MCCC personnel are prohibited from tracking students' locations, monitoring audio or visual features, or tracking online activities (e.g., web browsing history, keystrokes) on school-issued devices (hardware, software, devices, and accounts acting independently or with a technology provider). MCCC plans to access and monitor school-issued devices electronically for the following permissible reasons:

1. Noncommercial educational purpose for instruction, technical support, or exam proctoring by a school district employee, student teachers, or contracted staff. Teachers may monitor students as they work on assignments during class to ensure they stay on task and to provide as-needed support.
2. Judicial warrant. MCCC is required to comply with a lawfully issued warrant that directs MCCC, technology providers, or law enforcement to conduct a search of data.
3. Missing or stolen school-issued device. If MCCC becomes aware that a school-owned device is lost or stolen, MCCC may access and monitor data to investigate when and where the device last interacted with MCCC systems.
4. Prevent or respond to a threat to life or safety. Should MCCC receive an alert about possible self-harm indicators or student safety on a school-owned device, an investigation that includes accessing or monitoring student data will commence.
5. Compliance with federal and state laws. MCCC may be required to comply with a law that obligates the district to access or monitor devices.
6. Required for federal or state funding programs. To comply with the requirements of the federal e-rate funding program, MCCC filters internet access pursuant to the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). This includes filtering materials deemed obscene, inappropriate, objectionable, and/or harmful.

In the event a student's device is electronically accessed because a circumstance occurs (See items 1-5), MCCC must notify the student's parent of the circumstance(s) that caused the school district to access the student's interactions with the school-issued device within 72 hours of the access. The notice must include details of what features were accessed and, if applicable, a description of the threat. If the notice itself is a threat to life or safety, then it must be provided within 72 hours after the threat has ended.

Technology providers are required to comply with SB29 (O.R.C. §§3319.325 and 3319.326). MCCC is updating contracts with technology providers to ensure student data is securely transmitted, properly protected, and is not shared for commercial purposes. The list of applicable technology providers, applications, curriculum, and resources will be posted to [www.mcjvs.edu](http://www.mcjvs.edu) as they become available.

Medina County Career Center is committed to maintaining student privacy while providing the necessary tools for learning. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the MCCC high school office at 330.725.8461 ext. 119.

Respectfully,

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Mr. Jeffrey Hicks, Principal

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