

Bradford Exempted Village School

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Notice of Electronic Device Monitoring

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Bradford Families,

Following the passage of Senate Bill 29 and under R.C. § 3319.327, effective October 24, 2024, school districts are required to provide annual notice to students and parents if districts engage in monitoring of school-issued electronic devices.

Please consider this as notification that Bradford Exempted Village Schools may at times elect to monitor school-issued electronic devices, such as the school-issued Chromebooks to ensure the appropriate use of the devices and ensure online safety for our students. Past practice has been that school personnel (most likely the school principal) will investigate usage when the use of a questionable word or words are entered into a school-owned device. More often than not, the investigations have unveiled that students mistyped word(s) or mistakenly entered something deemed inappropriate, or entered a word that could be inappropriate based on context. In the event the investigation showed that the student knowingly was searching for inappropriate subjects/material, our principals have notified parents, and if necessary disciplined the student per the code of conduct.

Per the new law, if the district's monitoring detects a threat to life or safety, the District will, within seventy-two hours of the student's access of the device, notify the student's parent and provide a written description of the triggering circumstance, the features of the device that the student accessed, and a description of the threat. If the notice itself would pose a threat to life or safety, the notice is not required to be given until 72 hours after the threat of the notice has ceased.

Currently the district uses the technology providers listed on our website at Bradford.k12.oh.us. The list of technology partners can be found under "Information on Online Curriculum (SB 29)" under the "For Families" link at the bottom of the homepage. This list will be continuously updated with any additions or removals of technology partners that we use as a district. The District will continue to provide education for our students on the appropriate use of electronic devices and the internet. Safety and security have been and will remain at the forefront of our educational efforts.

Thank you

Joe Hurst Superintendent