

## Annual message for digital resources being utilized in schools

Minnesota passed a student privacy bill governing educational data. The bill, effective for the 2022-23 school year and beyond, states technology providers do not own any educational data created, obtained or shared through a contract with an educational institution; cannot use the data for any commercial purpose, including marketing or advertising; and cannot access or monitor a device's location-tracking feature, audio or visual recordings and web-browsing activity. The bill also states parents must be notified of any curriculum, testing or assessment affecting a student's educational data.

The Medford School District uses a variety of digital resources and tools to support student learning. Our School District takes great pride in ensuring that student information and academic data is protected to the highest of standards.

Routinely evaluating the data privacy policies for providers our school district student's utilize for digital assessment, online testing, digital curriculum resources, and digital curriculum activities exist to ensure that they are contractually and statutorily compliant. These measures are to safeguard our student's safety and data privacy. The school district has partnered with other regional schools through the South Central Service Cooperative to utilize a software called "CatchOn Detect" that is designed to achieve data privacy compliance. "CatchOn Detect" can identify highly utilized educational technology applications and providing visibility to their privacy policies.

Please visit to access the current list of these resources.

<https://my.catchon.com/public-applications/#1a242d10f1ba4d30a2e1f4a85b85e5c0>

Please reach out to our technology department via email at [mlarkoski@medfordtigers.org](mailto:mlarkoski@medfordtigers.org) or by phone at 214-6338 if you have questions regarding specific digital tools used in classrooms or our technology providers.

Sincerely,

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