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Software Compliance Guide, 2024-25

The SCOPE Act (Texas House Bill 18)

Effective from September 1, 2024, Texas House Bill 18 - better known as the SCOPE Act - will come into effect for school districts all across Texas. To ensure full compliance with the SCOPE Act in the 2024-25 school year, we've compiled a list of everything you need to cover. For your peace of mind, we've also detailed how Securly and its solutions are compliant with this legislation.

SCOPE Requirement	SCOPE Context	Securly Compliance Details
Minimization of student data collection	Adopt standards to minimize data collection conducted on students through electronic devices and software applications.	Securly will perform **selective SSL decryption** to decrypt specific websites dealing with student education only. We will not decrypt personal sites such as healthcare, banking, and medical. To further restrict data collection, we can activate **enhanced privacy mode** which will hide student emails in reporting and will only be unlockable by an assigned individual in case of urgent and life-threatening situations. Securly does not **keylog, keystroke, or track any mouse or keypad data.**
Parental consent for software use	Direct and informed parental consent is required for a student's use of a software application, except for applications necessary for specific assessments related to education.	Districts will usually implement this in their Acceptable Use Policy. Securly will provide a parent app called **Home** which will give parents access to their student interests, online activity, and flagged alerts. Parents will also be able to pause the internet on the student device, create bedtime schedules, and alter filtering policies (if the district wishes to give this type of access to parents). **Home** also provides **Spanish language support.**
Prohibition of mental health assessments	Software applications should not conduct mental health assessments or collect unrelated information about students without direct and informed parental consent.	Securly does not conduct any mental health assessments without parental consent.

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Provision of cybersecurity resources	Parents must be provided with resources to understand cybersecurity risks and online safety concerning their child's use of electronic devices before they are used at school.	Securly can provide any supporting documents your district may need. Securly is also **SOC II Type II Compliant.**
Deactivation periods for safety	Specify periods during which electronic devices transferred to students must be deactivated in the interest of student safety.	Securly will be able to purge any data as requested by the district.
Adjustments by age level	Consider necessary adjustments based on age levels for the use of electronic devices in the classroom to develop students' abilities to spend school time and complete assignments without reliance on electronic devices.	With Securly's **custom policies**, you will be able to adjust filtering policies based on age levels, grades, or fully customized to your liking.
Restrictions on social media access	Consider appropriate restrictions on student access to social media websites or applications when using electronic devices provided by the school.	Securly provides both social media and social networking as a category that can be blocked/unblocked. We will allow your district to block specific domains, keywords and phrases, and a top-level domain as well.
Evaluation of alternative applications	Before using a social media application for educational purposes, the district or school must determine if a more secure alternative with the same educational functionality is unavailable.	Our **Securly Reveal** product (free with Securly Filter) is a data utilization tool and a budget ROI tool. Reveal allows you to view all tools and sites your staff and students use, and pull data based on that utilization. We will also provide an ROI tool to measure that return.

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Use of internet filter	Consider requiring the use of an internet filter that notifies school administrators if students access inappropriate or concerning content related to self-harm, suicide, violence, or illicit drugs, and then requires administrators to notify the student's parents.	This is completed through our solutions: **Securly Filter and Securly Aware, and Securly Home.** Better yet, all three of these solutions come with **Spanish language support** as standard. We also recommend our **Securly On-Call** solution which consists of a team of human analysts that will monitor all activity and will contact the district on any life-threatening situation, 24/7. We guarantee a response within 5 minutes of the alert, and **provide Spanish language support**.
Designation of officer for complaints	Assign the duty to receive complaints or concerns regarding student use of electronic devices, including cybersecurity and online safety concerns, to the appropriate officer of the district or school.	This can be handled by the district's policies but Securly do have a feature called **Observe** which will allow teachers to manually input any observations they see. These can include fighting, bullying, signs of distress, or even misuse of electronic devices. This activity will be logged in the student dashboard.
Compliance by software operators	Provide methods for districts or schools to ensure that software operators contracting with them comply with the standards outlined in Subchapter D.	Securly is in compliance with **CIPA, COPPA, FERPA, and iKeepSafe**.

Securly is the only K-12 student safety and wellness technology provider to attain SOC 2 Type 2 Certification for its suite of solutions. On top of that, we encrypt all analyzed student data and meet or exceed the highest standards for student data privacy, including certifications through iKeepSafe, which demonstrates compliance with Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), The Children's Online Privacy and Protection Rule (COPPA), and all other applicable state-level data privacy laws - including the SCOPE Act.

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