

Use of Securly Classroom to Keep Students On Task

Dear Torrington Families,

We have implemented a tool called Securly Classroom that assists teachers in keeping students focused and on task while using their Chromebooks in class in the school building. This tool enables teachers to guide, monitor, and communicate with students in the following ways:

- Share a link to a website that a teacher wants students to visit
- Lock down all tabs except the one that students should be on (when administering an assessment)
- Close out tabs that a student is on that may be inappropriate for the class or otherwise distracting
- Send messages to the whole class or to individual students while they are working

We plan on using this powerful tool for teachers to assist students in staying focused while working from home as well as in school.

Here are a few FAQs about Securly Classroom:

When will teachers be able to monitor what my child is doing online?

This service is only turned on from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM and will only be used while a student is scheduled to be in a synchronous (live) class.

Will a teacher be able to see what a student is doing on their phone or on their personal computer?

No. This service only works on District owned devices and Chrome browsers logged into a student's account during school hours.

Can a teacher or administrator take control of my child's camera or microphone?

No, this only allows insight into websites that a student is visiting.

We are committed to the best education for your children and we know how distracted some students can get while working online. We hope that the addition of this tool will better help students to stay focused on their work during the school day.

Regards,

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