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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As part of a statewide effort to support student safety, the West Virginia Legislature passed Senate Bill 466 in 2024. This law requires students in grades 3–12 to receive annual instruction through the Safety While Accessing Technology (SWAT) program. To support implementation of this requirement, the West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) has created grade appropriate lessons, resources, and activities. The full bill and the lessons can be reviewed at the [WVDE CyberSWAT website](https://cliffsullivanwv-cyber.github.io/cyberSWAT/index.html) (<https://cliffsullivanwv-cyber.github.io/cyberSWAT/index.html>). The goal of the lessons is to help students develop the knowledge and skills needed to use technology safely, responsibly, and effectively.

We recognize that some of the topics addressed—such as online safety risks and digital interactions—may be sensitive in nature for some students and families. We encourage you to review the program information carefully and determine what you feel is most appropriate for your child.

If you do not want your child to participate in the Safety While Accessing Technology (SWAT) program, you may opt out by completing the Opt-Out Form below and returning it to your student's teacher/school.

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SWAT Opt-Out Form

Student's Name (please print): _____ Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Permission

I have read and understand the purpose of the program.

☐ No, I do not give permission. My child may not participate in the Safety While Accessing Technology (SWAT) Education Program.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Phone Number: _____