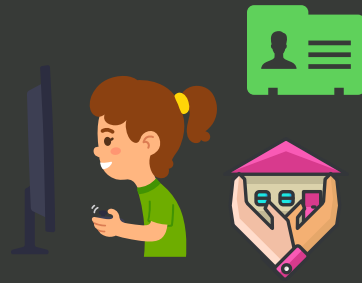# 4 Ways to Keep Student Information Secure when Returning Back to School

1.

Check Virtual Surroundings

When conducting virtual learning over video, ensure the student's background doesn't include any sensitive information such as home addresses, prescriptions, or family photos

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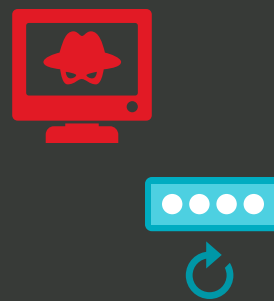## Protect Devices with Passwords

Be sure to secure each device used for learning with a secure password or pin. This helps keep identities and personal information safe if they are lost or stolen.

3.

Change Default Passwords for Apps

Students are often given very simple passwords to their learning materials, which are oftentimes shared with the entire class. For example, passwords are often the student's ID #. Change passwords to these systems so that other students/parents/hackers cannot see the student's data or personal info.

4.

Remain Vigilant for Malicious Emails and Text Messages

Scammers and fraud is up 300% in 2020 due to COVID-19. If you receive a suspicious email, meeting invite, or text message, be sure it's something you were expected to receive and remain on guard.

The first days of school can be challenging. Students begin the school year with a mix of emotions - especially with virtual learning. However, teachers, parents, and students can do a lot to ensure classrooms remain safe and welcoming!