

School curriculum and student grades aren't exactly national-security-level secrets. But you still don't want that info uploaded to unapproved locations.

Cody Brandow, a Security Engineer at Heartland Business Systems (HBS), uses SaaS Alerts to monitor his school district clients' file-sharing activity.

One day he noticed a teacher had used their official credentials to log into their personal Dropbox account. He immediately knew this was a problem.

The district had a list of authorized apps teachers could access with their staff login — and Dropbox wasn't on that list.

Even if this was an innocent mistake, it could put student (or parent) data at risk.

"I had to explain to the district why this was such a big deal. Since the school didn't actually use Dropbox, nobody knew what that person was putting into Dropbox."

– Cody Brandow, Security Engineer at HBS

After Cody informed district leadership about the issue, they explained to the teacher how mixing professional and personal SaaS credentials could cause problems.

The teacher had used OAuth to minimize the amount of passwords they had to remember. But doing so also left the door open to hackers on the prowl for sensitive data or financial information.

And it was Cody's job to shut that door.

Student data may not be as significant as Department of Defense classified documents. But it still needs to be protected. Thanks to SaaS Alerts, Cody's team can offer education clients at HBS the level of security they deserve.



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