

The district often needs to create new accounts for staff and needs to assign those new accounts temporary passwords. Given the size of the district, this process needs to be automated and reliable. Ideally the temporary password is something unique, complex, and is known by the user without the district needing to provide the user said password. If these criteria are not met, accounts passwords could be easily guessed or hacked, thus compromising the account.

While the district does not want to publicly disclose its default password conventions, it has come to the attention of the Administration that some staff are concerned with the use of partial social security numbers as part of default passwords. While this is common practice for banks and other secure institutions, the Administration has heard the staff feedback and will be adjusting its default password policy to no longer use any part of social security numbers for new default passwords.

In order to reduce the number of username and passwords staff need to know, the district has begun using Clever. Clever is a single sign on portal staff and students can use to login once and then gain access to numerous district assigned apps. This username and password is the same username and password as the district's email login. The district is working with its current vendors to support Clever and favors new vendors that support Clever.

On January 2, 2019, the district removed any passwords that use any part of social security numbers for logins (currently only one vendor). In addition, the district has instructed the vendor purge any records that contain partial social security numbers. Going forward, the district will no longer use any part of social security numbers for passwords.