

NOTICE OF DATA BREACH

Dear Orcutt Academy High School Community,

The Orcutt Union School District recognizes the importance of protecting the information we maintain. We are writing to notify you of a data security incident that involved information you provided to the District. This notice explains the incident, measures we have taken, and some additional steps you may consider taking in response.

What Happened?

On May 4, 2023, we learned that a student obtained a teachers user name and password to the student information system, Aeries. The student logged into the Aeries system and may have accessed Orcutt Academy High School student information. This person may have then shared the information on Discord, a VoIP and instant messaging social platform. Upon identifying the incident, we immediately secured the systems involved, commenced an investigation, and notified law enforcement.

What Information Was Involved?

Our review of the files indicate that the following information may have been accessed: name, birthdate, age, grade level, school counselor, gender, and home address.

What We Are Doing.

All information has been promptly removed from Discord. The perpetrator has been identified and has been reported to law enforcement and is subject to discipline. To help prevent a similar incident from occurring in the future, we have implemented additional safeguards and technical security measures.

What You Can Do.

As a precautionary measure, we recommend changing passwords on any District accounts you may have.

For More Information.

If you have any questions, please call our District office at (805) 938-8900.