



# Montana University System

## Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education

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### **MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM | COMMISSIONER'S DIRECTIVE**

**RE: Social Media Applications**

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The Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education directs the following:

1. TikTok may not be installed or used on any MUS or university-owned devices, including but not limited to desktop computers, laptops, iPads, or cellular telephones. If TikTok is currently installed on any MUS or university-owned device, the application must be immediately removed from the device.
2. Campus Chief Information Officers (CIOs) shall block access to TikTok on MUS wired or wireless networks.
3. Campuses may provide exceptions to this directive for necessary education or research-related purposes upon approval of the campus CIO.

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#### Addendum:

The following list of apps are also identified as high risk for sharing information with foreign adversaries and must be removed from all university-owned devices:

- CapCut
- Lemon8
- Shein
- Telegram Messenger
- Temu
- WeChat

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*Commissioner's directives are official interpretations and guidance issued by the Commissioner of Higher Education; they remain in effect as system directives until withdrawn or revised by the Commissioner or superseded by action of the Board of Regents.*