

New York Becomes the First U.S. State to Ban Biometric Tech in Schools After Lockport's Facial-Recognition Rollout

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Quality score: 40/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

After Lockport, NY schools deployed a facial-recognition system with a documented racial bias gap, New York enacted the first U.S. state-level moratorium banning biometric technology in schools.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of learning impact	0/3
Equity & inclusion	2/3
Transparency, ethics & data protection	2/3
Teacher capability & pedagogy	0/3
Scalability & sustainability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-15

[Lockport City School District / New York State Education Department / Office of Governor Andrew Cuomo](#) — accessed 2026-09-15

[GovTech](#) — accessed 2026-09-15

[New York Focus](#) — accessed 2026-09-15

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