

**SUBJECT: VIDEO SURVEILLANCE AND RECORDING IN SCHOOLS**

The Board of Education recognizes its responsibility to maintain discipline and protect the safety, security and welfare of its students, staff and visitors. In addition, the Board recognizes its obligation to safeguard District facilities, vehicles, school premises and equipment. To fulfill these responsibilities, the Board has authorized the use of video surveillance systems ("security cameras") in and around the District's buildings, property, school buses and vehicles.

In order to minimize any offensive or intrusive video surveillance, the Board requires compliance with this policy. However, students, staff and visitors should be aware that the expectation of privacy is particularly limited in public schools. In fact, there is NO expectation of privacy when in public places or when in plain view of other students, staff or visitors.

**Purpose of Cameras**

The security cameras may be used for the following purposes only:

- a) To help protect the safety and security of individuals on school premises;
- b) To help protect school premises from property damage;
- c) To deter prohibited activity;
- d) To monitor prohibited activity that does occur; and
- e) To provide recorded evidence to be used in student disciplinary matters, administrative proceedings or any other legal matters in accordance with applicable law.

The cameras may NOT be used for any of the following purposes:

- a) To monitor school staff for job performance purposes;
- b) To monitor any particular student;
- c) To monitor any particular classroom, auditorium or gymnasium while class is in session;
- d) To record any audio information such as individual conversations.

Signs shall be posted in school buildings, on school grounds and in school vehicles to notify students, staff and visitors that video cameras may be in use. The student handbook shall also include notice that cameras may be in use for security purposes.

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Students will be held responsible for any violations of the school's Code of Conduct that the cameras record. Video recordings may be retained and used as evidence of incidents that may warrant administrative, disciplinary or potential legal action. Students and visitors who vandalize, damage or disable surveillance cameras and equipment shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action and/or referral to law enforcement authorities.

The Superintendent shall prepare and the Board shall approve Regulations to implement this Policy.

20 USC Section 1232g  
34 CFR Sections 99 et seq.  
8 NYCRR App. I