

**VIDEO/DIGITAL CAMERAS ON SCHOOL BUSES**

The Board of Education recognizes its responsibility to maintain and improve discipline and to ensure the safety and welfare of its staff and students on school transportation vehicles.

After having carefully considered and balanced the rights of privacy with the District's duty to ensure the discipline, health, welfare and safety of staff and students on school transportation vehicles, the Board supports the use of video/digital cameras on its school buses.

Video/digital cameras may be used to monitor student behavior on school vehicles transporting students to and from school or extra-curricular activities.

Students in violation of bus conduct rules shall be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with established Board policy and regulations governing student conduct and discipline.

As a general practice, video/digital images may be erased or taped over within thirty-two (32) hours. If a video/digital image is pulled for alleged disciplinary reasons, that information will be maintained in a confidential manner as part of the student's specific disciplinary proceeding.

The District shall comply with all applicable State and Federal laws related to student records when such recordings are considered for retention as part of the student's record.

Video/digital recordings shall be used primarily for the purpose of evidence for disciplining of students. However, the District may use such recordings for any other purpose it deems to be appropriate.

The Superintendent of Schools is directed to develop regulations governing the use of video/digital cameras in accordance with the provisions of law and established Board policies and regulations.

Cross-Reference:      Policy 5300, Code of Conduct  
                                 Policy 5320, Student Conduct on School Buses

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**VIDEO/DIGITAL CAMERAS ON SCHOOL BUSES REGULATION**

The following regulation will govern the use of video/digital cameras on school buses.

1. Video/digital cameras will be used on school buses transporting students to and from school or extracurricular activities at the discretion of the Supervisor of Transportation.
2. Staff and students are prohibited from tampering or otherwise interfering with video/digital camera equipment.
3. Video/digital recordings will be maintained in appropriate situations such as a Superintendent's Hearing.
4. The District will comply with the provisions of Federal law regarding student records requirements as applicable in the District's use of video/digital recordings. Video/digital recordings considered for retention as part of a student's record will be maintained in accordance with established student record procedures governing access, review, and release of student and other school district records.
5. Review of video/digital information will be conducted by the Supervisor of Transportation or his/her designee and the Building Principal or his/her designee.
6. Viewing will be permitted only at school-related sites including the transportation office, school buildings, or central administrative offices.

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