

VIDEO CAMERAS ON SCHOOL BUSES

The Board of Education recognizes its responsibility to maintain and improve discipline conduct and to insure 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 districts duty to ensure discipline, health, welfare and safety of staff and students on school transportation vehicles, the Board authorizes the use of video cameras on its school buses.

Video cameras may be used to monitor student behavior on school vehicles transporting students to and from school or extracurricular 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.

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 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 appropriate.

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

Cross-ref: 1120, School District Records
5300, Student Conduct
5310, Student Discipline
5320, Student Conduct on School Buses
5500, Student Records

Ref: 20 U.S.C. Section 1232g (FERPA)
Arts & Cultural Affairs Law, Art. 57-A (Local Government Records Law)
Public Officers Law Section 87
8 NYCRR Part 156.9(d)
Records Retention & Disposition Schedules for Use by School Districts, Schedule ED-1 (1991)

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