

USE OF SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

The Board of Education recognizes its responsibility to promote and foster school safety and to help create a safe and effective learning environment. After having carefully considered and balanced the rights of privacy with the District's duty to promote discipline, health, welfare, and safety of staff and students, as well as that of the general public who has occasion to use school facilities, the Board supports the use of surveillance cameras in its buildings, buses and/or on District grounds.

District surveillance cameras will be used in areas deemed appropriate by the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee, but will not be used in locations where appropriate confidential or private activities/functions are routinely carried out (e.g., bathrooms, locker rooms, changing rooms). Audio recordings shall not be utilized by School District Officials for surveillance purposes; such prohibition does not preclude the use of audio recordings by law enforcement officials in accordance with their official duties and/or as otherwise authorized by law.

Any video recording used for surveillance purposes in school buildings, school buses and/or on District grounds shall be the sole property of the District. All video recordings will be stored in their original form and secured to avoid tampering and protect confidentiality, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. The Superintendent of Schools or her/his designee shall be the custodian of such recordings. The log-in and use of the District's video surveillance system is traceable to a particular user and periodically audited for misuse and discriminatory practices. The District shall not allow the release or viewing of any such video recording except when required by Federal, State, or local law or regulation, or when in the sole discretion of the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee, it is determined that the release or viewing of such video recording is in the best interests of the District.

Appropriate signage will be posted at major entrances into District buildings notifying students, staff, and the general public of the District's use of the surveillance cameras. Students and staff will receive additional notification, as appropriate, regarding the use of surveillance cameras inside or outside the District's buildings, school buses and/or on District grounds. Such notification may include, but is not limited to, publication in the District calendar, employee handbook, student handbook, and/or the District's website.

The Superintendent of Schools is authorized to develop such regulations and procedures as may be necessary to implement this policy.

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