

VIDEO 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 students and staff on school transportation vehicles.

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

Video cameras will be used to monitor behavior on school vehicles transporting students to and from school or extracurricular activities. This program is in accordance with the district's Values policy, which states that respect for others, kindness and caring and cooperation are essential to model and shape behaviors that affect the quality of one's life.

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.

The Superintendent of Schools has developed administrative regulations and procedures for the installation of video cameras on school buses as well as the film usage. 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.

Cross-ref: 1120, School District Records
4311.2, Values Education
5310, Student Discipline

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

Note: Prior policy, Policy Manual, Video Policy (February 2, 1995), revised

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