

Community Relations

Videotaping of Staff/Students

Videotaping and filming of school district employees shall have the prior written consent of the building Principal and the participating employees. Any student who does not wish to be filmed, videotaped, or interviewed and identified as a primary subject of such filming or videotaping may sign the Amity Photo/Video Release form included in the Parent/Student Handbook. If film or videotape is to be used for any purpose other than the purpose set forth on the employee consent form, then release waiver forms shall be obtained from each participating employee and his/her Principal.

(cf. - 1112 News Media Relationships)

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Videotaping and filming of school district employees and/or students is subject to the following procedures:

1. The exclusive rights for any videotape or film and the soundtrack thereof produced by the school district shall be its exclusive property unless other prior written agreements are made.
2. Permission must be obtained from the building Principal or a designated administrator and participating employees before videotaping or filming is begun.
3. Prior to filming or videotaping, requests must be checked to determine parental approval.
4. Film or videotape of a district employee shall not be used for any purpose other than the purpose set forth.
5. School district productions shall not be duplicated without the consent of the Superintendent or his/her designee.
6. Commercial distribution of videotapes or films produced by the school district is not permitted without an appropriate signed consent/release/waiver and the approval of the Superintendent of Schools and the Board of Education.
7. The policy also does not apply to employees who are filmed or videotaped during voluntary appearances in public or for use in their own classroom.

(cf. 1112 - News Media Relationships)

(cf. 1112.5 - Media Access to Students)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

(cf. 6145.4 - Student Performances)

AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5
Woodbridge, Connecticut

Dear Parent,

Students must have the permission of their parents or legal guardians before they may be individually interviewed or photographed by representatives from the media. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. While we like to be as open to the media as possible, we also respect each student's right to privacy guaranteed by the "Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974." Please return the form below to your child's teacher so that it can be kept on file.

Sincerely

Principal

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**Parental Permission for Interview/Photograph by Media of a Student
Enrolled in the Amity Regional School District No. 5 School System.**

I do hereby grant permission for my child _____ (name) _____ to be interviewed/photographed by a journalist/photographer/cameraman from (news service) _____ on _____ (date) _____ at _____ (location) _____ School in an activity that is being coordinated by _____ Schools.

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

(Date)