VIDEO CAMERAS ON SCHOOL BUSES

Placement of Cameras:

A. Cameras will be authorized for use in buses by the supervisor of transportation.

B. All buses where cameras may be utilized will have signs notifying riders that video cameras, that include an audio component, may be in use.

Digital Recordings:

A. If violation of student bus rules is observed or if there is a continued violation, despite intervention, standard disciplinary action may be taken. Lesser violations will be brought to the attention of the student or the student’s parent/guardian/custodian and proper conduct will be explained;

B. Any time a digital recording is to be used to support a disciplinary action, the recording will be dated, labeled and kept on file at the transportation department office for as long as deemed necessary;

C. When a digital recording is used to support disciplinary action, the student or the student’s parent/guardian/custodian may request that the video be reviewed by the student’s principal or designee. Digital recordings may only be disclosed to parents and students if the administrator deems it is necessary. First consideration will be given to protecting all students under privacy and confidentiality laws. Viewing will be limited to those frames containing the incident;

D. A building principal or designee may request viewing of video through transportation management; and

E. Transportation management may use videos to assist drivers with student behavior management skills.

F. Tampering with, disconnecting, or otherwise making the onboard video system inoperable or not able to function as intended when installed (ie. covering up camera lens), by students or staff is prohibited.

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