

POLICY

STAFFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Monitoring Devices on School Vehicles

8690 MONITORING DEVICES ON SCHOOL VEHICLES

The Board of Education recognizes that safe and secure conditions for all pupils transported in school owned or contracted school vehicles is paramount. Pupils transported in a school owned or contracted school vehicle must maintain proper discipline in the vehicle at all times.

To maintain the safe and secure conditions for all pupils transported on school owned or contracted school vehicles, the Board may use devices to monitor and/or observe pupil behavior, teacher and support staff behavior, school bus driver discipline procedures and/or school bus driver driving techniques. The device may be a sound video camera, a voice monitoring device or other appropriate devices. Each school vehicle will have a sign clearly posted in the school vehicle stating that:

"Video And/Or Audio Monitoring Devices Are Used On School Owned And Contracted Vehicles And This Vehicle May Be Monitored At Any Time."

The recording may be used in pupil and staff discipline matters, driver evaluations or for driver discipline or training. The content produced by the surveillance system under certain circumstances may be considered a student record, in which it will be subject to the Board of Education policy and regulations regarding confidential student records. If the content of the surveillance system becomes the subject of a disciplinary proceeding, it shall be treated like other evidence in the proceeding, and the district declares such use to be a legitimate educational interest.

Notice of this policy will be provided to parent(s) or legal guardian(s) and all transportation personnel each year in staff, pupil and/or parent handbooks.

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30 CFR 300.571 Part 99, 300.572, 300.573

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