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Video cameras may be used to monitor student behavior on school vehicles transporting students to and from school or extracurricular activities.

Students in violation of bus conduct rules shall be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with established Board policy and regulation 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.

Video recordings shall be used on school buses primarily for the purpose of collecting evidence for disciplining of students. However, the district may use such recordings for any other purpose it deems appropriate.

The Superintendent is directed to develop regulations governing the use of video cameras in accordance with the provisions of law and established Board policies and regulations.

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1. Video cameras will be used on school buses transporting students to and from school or extracurricular activities at the discretion of the Transportation Supervisor.

2. Staff and students are prohibited from tampering or otherwise interfering with video camera equipment.

3. The district will notify students, their parents or guardians, and staff at the beginning of each school year that video cameras may be used on school buses transporting students to and from school and extracurricular activities. The district will provide notice to parents/guardians concerning how they may obtain a copy of Policy 8414.4 Video Cameras in School Buses.

4. The district will comply with the provisions of federal law regarding student records requirements as applicable in the district's use of video recordings. Video recordings considered for retention as part of a student's record will be maintained in accordance with established student record procedures governing access, review and release of student and other school district records.

5. All video recordings will be stored and secured to avoid tampering and ensure confidentiality.

6. Video recording held for view of student incidents or for other purposes deemed appropriate by the district will be maintained in their original form pending resolution. Tapes then will either be released for erasure or kept as necessary as part of the student's or other school district record in accordance with established district procedures.

7. Review of videotapes will be conducted by the Superintendent.

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