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VIDEO SURVEILLANCE

The Board of Education recognizes the district's continuing responsibility to maintain and improve discipline, and ensure the health, welfare and safety of its staff and students on school transportation vehicles and in and outside of school buildings.

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

Video cameras may be used to monitor student behavior on school transportation vehicles transporting students to and from school and extracurricular activities. Video cameras may be located in and outside of school buildings provided that they will be placed only in common areas and not in areas where students and school personnel have a reasonable expectation of privacy, such as locker rooms, restrooms and lounges.

Evidence of student or staff misconduct may be used in disciplinary proceedings and, in appropriate cases, shared with law enforcement officials where there is evidence of criminal activity.

The district shall comply with all applicable state and federal laws related to video recordings when, as determined by the district and in accordance with law, such recordings are considered for retention as part of a student's behavioral record or a staff member's personnel record. Such records will also be subject to established district student and personnel records procedures including retention, access, review and release of such records.

The school administration will ensure that students, parents, and staff are notified annually of this policy and the existence of video surveillance of common areas in school facilities and on school grounds via student/parent handbooks and written notification to staff.

The Superintendent shall develop such procedures as may be required for the implementation of this policy.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes 7-109, Destruction of Documents
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.
Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, U.S.C. 1232 et seq.

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