

Video Cameras on School Buses

Purpose

The Fargo Public Schools uses electronic surveillance systems in order to help ensure that school buses and individuals on school buses are safe and secure. Any person entering a school bus or riding a school bus is subject to being videotaped.

Monitoring

Video cameras may be used to monitor student behavior on school vehicles transporting students to and from school, extracurricular activities, field trips, or any other school sponsored transportation.

Conduct Violations

Students in violation of bus conduct rules shall be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with established school policies and regulations governing student conduct and discipline.

Privacy

The District shall comply with all applicable state and federal laws and applicable policies related to video recordings and record dissemination. The District shall comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act when such recordings are considered for retention as part of the student's behavioral record as determined by the District and in accordance with law.

Access to Videos

1. Only the Superintendent or his or her designee shall have access to the electronic surveillance system while it is in operation.
2. The district shall comply with all applicable state and federal laws related to access, review, and release of video recordings that are part of the student's educational record under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.
3. Any requests for viewing such files must be made in writing to the Superintendent or his/her designee. Such requests will be reviewed in light of confidentiality issues and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. If permission to view is granted, the viewing must occur in the presence of the custodian of the record. Under no circumstances will the District's video be duplicated and/or removed from the District unless in accordance with a court order and/or subpoena.

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