Video and Audio Surveillance

The board authorizes the use of video and audio surveillance on district property for the purpose of maintaining the health, welfare, and safety of students, staff, and visitors, and to protect district equipment and facilities. The board authorizes video and audio surveillance in common areas on district property and further authorizes the superintendent or designee to determine exact locations for cameras and audio. The board further authorizes the superintendent or designee to install cameras and audio devices to address specific incidents or need. However, the district will not install or use cameras in restrooms and locker rooms.

In general, only those individuals with a legitimate legal, administrative and/or educational purpose may be permitted to view the video and audio recordings. In most instances, those persons will be the superintendent, principals, supervisors, and other administrators.

The district will notify staff, students, and patrons through the district's website and student handbooks, and signage at public main entrances that video and audio surveillance may occur on district property. The district may use footage from video and audio surveillance for student disciplinary action. In addition, the district reserves the right to use footage from video and audio surveillance for staff discipline or discharge, although this is not the primary purpose of video and audio surveillance.

In certain instances, video and audio recordings may become a part of a student's educational record or a staff member's personnel record. The district will comply with all applicable state and federal laws related to record maintenance, retention, and disclosure.

Legal References: 42 U.S.C. 1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

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