

Video Cameras on School Buses and Vehicles

Purpose

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

Cameras may be used for the following purposes:

1. To protect and deter property damage;
2. To ensure the safety and security of individuals who are riding the school bus;
3. To monitor and deter criminal activity from occurring;
4. To monitor student behavior on school buses 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. In addition, students who cause property damage may be subject to legal redress as well as full restitution for costs incurred in repairing or replacing damaged or stolen property.

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 & Disclosure of Recorded Information

1. Only the Superintendent or their designee shall have access to the electronic surveillance system.
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 their 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.
4. 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.

Legal Citations

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