EASTCONN
Where Learning Comes to Life

**STUDENTS**
**Series 5000**
**Policy #5021.3.1**

## Conduct

## Video Surveillance

The EASTCONN Board of Directors recognizes EASTCONN's responsibility to maintain order, discipline, safety and security on school property and in school vehicles. The EASTCONN Board of Directors also desires to afford students and staff privacy in respect to the records maintained by EASTCONN. The EASTCONN Board of Directors recognizes the value of electronic surveillance systems in monitoring activity on school property and in school vehicles in furtherance of protecting the health, welfare and safety of its students and staff. The students and staff of EASTCONN recognize that their security and safety depends upon the capacity of EASTCONN to maintain discipline, control building access, and that a certain amount of restraint upon the activities of students and building visitors is assumed and expected.

The EASTCONN Board of Directors having carefully weighed and balanced the rights of privacy of students and staff against EASTCONN's duty to maintain order, discipline, safety and security finds that it is appropriate to provide for the use of video camera surveillance in its transportation vehicles and on school grounds as follows:

1. EASTCONN shall notify its students and staff that video surveillance may/will occur on any school property or on any transportation vehicle. EASTCONN shall incorporate said notice in the student handbook;

2. The use of video surveillance equipment on transportation vehicles shall be supervised by the EASTCONN's transportation supervisor. The use of video surveillance equipment on school grounds and on other EASTCONN property shall be supervised and controlled by the building administrator or other responsible administrator;

3. The use of video recordings from surveillance equipment shall be subject to the other policies of EASTCONN including policies concerning the confidentiality of student and personnel records;

4. Video surveillance shall only be used to promote the order, safety and security of students, staff and property.

Legal Reference: Title I - Amendments to the Individuals with Disabilities Act. (PL 105-17)

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, sec. 438, 20 U.S.C. sec. 1232g (1988).

Connecticut General Statutes

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