

VIDEO SURVEILLANCE ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

The Board authorizes the use of video on District property to ensure the health, welfare, and safety of all students, staff and visitors to District property and to safeguard District buildings, grounds, and equipment. The Superintendent will approve appropriate locations for surveillance devices. Placement of the video cameras will be based on the presumption and belief that students, staff and visitors have no reasonable expectation of privacy in areas or at events that occur in plain view. However, such devices are not to be placed in bathrooms or locker rooms.

Audio/Visual equipment will be placed in classrooms only after school board approval following a public hearing. The administration must receive written permission and consent from the classroom teacher and the parent/guardian of all students within the classroom prior to the use of recording equipment within a classroom.

Signs will be posted on school buildings to notify students, staff and visitors that video cameras may be in use. At the Superintendent's discretion, parents and students may also be notified through the student handbook. Students will be responsible for any violations of school rules caught on tape by cameras.

The district will retain copies of video recordings until they are erased, which may be accomplished by either deletion or copying over with a new recording.

Videos containing evidence of a violation of student conduct rules and/or state or federal law will be retained until the issue of the misconduct is no longer subject to review or appeal as determined by board policy or applicable law. Video recordings that is not necessary for ensuring appropriate discipline will be retained for a period of not more than 10 days. The district shall comply with all applicable state and federal laws related to record maintenance and retention of all videos.

In the event video recording is used as part of a student discipline proceeding, such video may become part of a student's education record. If video recording does become part of a student's education record, the provisions of Policy JRA shall apply.

The Superintendent is authorized to contact the District's attorney for a full legal opinion relative in the event of such an occurrence.

NHSBA Note, September 2015: The second paragraph is new and is included in response to legislative changes to RSA 189:68. This statute relates to recording devices in classrooms. RSA 189:65 and RSA 189:68 are added to Legal References.

Legal References:

RSA 189:65, Definitions

RSA 189:68, Student Privacy

RSA 570-A:2

20 U.S.C. §1232g, Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

34 C.F.R. Part 99, Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act Regulations

Appendix: JICC-R, EEAA-R

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