

**VIDEO AND AUDIO SURVEILLANCE ON SCHOOL
PROPERTY**

The Board authorizes the use of video and/or audio devices 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. Any audio recording taken by the District will be in compliance with any/all consent requirements pursuant to state law.

Signs will be posted on school buildings to notify students, staff, and visitors that video and audio recording devices may be in use. At the Superintendent's discretion, parents and students may also be notified through the student handbook. All persons 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. The Superintendent will consult with the necessary personnel to determine how and when such recordings should be deleted.

Videos/audios containing evidence of a violation of student conduct rules, school board policy, 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. Any release or viewing of the video will be in accordance with the law.

In the event an audio or video recording is used as part of a student discipline proceeding, such video may become part of a student's education record. If an audio or 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 in the event of such an occurrence.

Law Reference: RSA 189:65, Definitions; 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 Reference:

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