

## Video and Audio Surveillance on School Property and Buses

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The School Board authorizes the use of video and/or audio devices for surveillance purposes (“Surveillance Devices”) on School Department property to ensure the health, welfare, and safety of all students and visitors to Department property and to safeguard Department buildings, grounds and equipment. The Superintendent will approve appropriate locations for surveillance devices. Placement of Surveillance Devices will be based on the presumption and belief that students, staff and visitors have no reasonable expectation of privacy in school vehicles, school buildings and surrounding school property, or at events that occur in or on such property in plain view. Surveillance Devices shall not be placed in bathrooms or locker rooms.

Surveillance Devices may be placed in a classroom only after School Board approval following a duly noticed public hearing. The Superintendent 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 Surveillance Devices within a classroom.

Signs shall be posted on school property to notify students, staff and visitors where Surveillance Devices may be in use. At the Superintendent’s discretion, parents and students may also be notified through the student handbook. Students may be subject to discipline for any violations of school rules recorded by a Surveillance Device.

The School Department will retain copies of any Surveillance Device recordings until they are erased, which may be accomplished either by deletion or copying over with a new recording, or destroyed. The Superintendent will consult with the necessary personnel to determine how and when such recordings should be deleted.

Videos containing evidence of a violation of student conduct rules and/or state or federal law will to the extent possible be retained until the issue concerning the alleged violation has been resolved and is no longer subject to review or appeal as determined by Board policy or applicable law. Any release or viewing of the video shall occur only in accordance with the law.

### **Legal References:**

*RSA 570-A:2*

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

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

*RSA 189:68 Student Privacy*

*RSA 189:65 Definitions*