

VIDEO CAMERAS ON BUSESSES

Video cameras will be used on school buses for the primary purpose of reducing disciplinary problems and vandalism on the bus.

Parents will be notified once a year via the District newsletter that video cameras are being used on the busses. A sign will also be placed at the front of each bus indicating that video cameras are being used on that bus.

Access to and use of videotapes from busses shall be limited as follows:

- (1) Only the Transportation Liaison, Transportation Director, Bus Contractor, Bus Driver, Principals and Superintendent shall be authorized to view the videotape for the purpose of documenting a problem, and determining which student(s) may be involved. Disciplinary action may be taken with students based on a video documentation.

A student being disciplined based on the viewing of a videotape recording and/or his/her parents or guardians may view that isolated segment of the videotape that documents the incident for which the student is being disciplined. The Transportation Director or building principal shall view the videotape with the student and/or parents/guardians and document the date and names of all individuals viewing the tape.

- (2) The videotapes shall not be available for viewing by the public in general, employees in general, media or other individuals. The Principals or Superintendent may authorize other individuals such as the guidance counselor, school psychologist, or social worker to view segments of a specific tape, if:
 - (a) such individuals are working with the student on the tape because of a behavior, emotional or learning problem, and
 - (b) viewing the videotape is beneficial to their role in assisting the student.

A log shall be kept of the date and names of the individuals viewing the videotape.

- (3) The video camera shall not be used to monitor driver behavior except to counsel and assist drivers in solving a student behavior problem.

If any part of this policy is held to be invalid by law or future court action, that part shall be immediately altered to reflect such a decision, and operating procedure shall also reflect that change.

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