

DIGITAL CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION (CCTV) VIDEO SURVEILLANCE AND GLOBAL POSITION SYSTEM (GPS)

It shall be the policy of the district to implement a digital Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) video surveillance system at selected sites throughout the district. Video cameras and Global Positioning Systems (GPS) may be used on school buses to monitor student behavior while traveling to and from school and school activities and to track vehicle location, course of direction and speed. The Board of Education believes that such monitoring will deter misconduct and help to ensure the safety of students and staff. Students found to be in violation of the district's bus conduct rules shall be subject to discipline in accordance with district policy and regulations. At the discretion of the Superintendent or designee, school bus video recordings also may be used to resolve complaints by students and/or parents/guardians and to help employees maintain discipline.

The implementation of such a system is solely for the protection of district property and assets from theft and vandalism, and to maintain safety and discipline through deterrence and video documentation and GPS tracking. There is no real-time monitoring. The systems are not designed or intended to protect individuals from being victims of violent or property crime, or to detect other potentially illegal or undesirable activities which may occur. However, any information about illegal activities or activities in violation of district policies obtained through the video recordings or GPS records may be used to assist the district or law enforcement as evidence in such cases.

District surveillance cameras will be used in areas deemed appropriate by the Superintendent of Schools, but will not be used in locations where persons have a reasonable expectation of privacy (e.g. bathrooms, locker rooms, changing rooms). Audio recordings shall not be utilized by school district officials for surveillance purposes; such prohibition does not preclude the use of audio recordings by law enforcement officials in accordance with their official duties and/or otherwise authorized by law.

Any video recording used for surveillance purposes in school buildings, school busses or on school property shall be the sole property of the district. Video recordings and GPS records will be reviewed in the event of damage or loss of property, or when there are indications that a crime has been committed or that district policies have been violated. All video recordings and GPS records will be secured to avoid tampering and ensure confidentiality in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Release of such videos and records will be made only as permissible pursuant to applicable law.

Appropriate signage will be posted at entrances to the school campus and on school busses notifying students, staff and the general public of the district's use of surveillance cameras and GPS systems. Students and staff will receive additional notification, as appropriate, regarding the use of surveillance cameras and GPS systems in the schools or on school busses or school grounds. Such notification may include, but is not limited to, publication in the district calendar, employee handbook and student handbook or in other district materials.

The implementation of the surveillance system shall not replace the need for ongoing vigilance of the district security personnel or school supervision. School administrators shall ensure that due diligence is observed in maintaining general campus security.