

USE OF SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

In accordance with Board Policy Number 8414, regarding the Use of Surveillance Cameras in the School District, the District-wide Safety Team's recommendations regarding the implementation and use of surveillance cameras will be guided by the following considerations:

- Demonstrated need for the device(s) at designated locations;
- Appropriateness and effectiveness of proposed protocol;
- Whether or not less intrusive means to further address the issue of school safety may be available (e.g., restricted access to buildings, use of pass cards or identification badges, increased lighting, alarms);
- Right to privacy and other legal considerations (which should be referred to the School Attorney for review and compliance with applicable laws and regulations); and
- Expense involved in installing and maintaining the use of surveillance cameras at designated locations, including school buses and/or on school grounds.

The following considerations will govern the use of surveillance cameras on school buses:

- Video cameras will be used on school buses transporting students to and from school or extracurricular activities at the discretion of the Transportation Supervisor.
- Staff and students are prohibited from tampering or otherwise interfering with surveillance equipment.
- The district will notify students, their parents or guardians, and staff at the beginning of each school year that surveillance cameras may be used on school buses transporting students to and from school and extracurricular activities. The notice will reference the District's policy regarding the use of surveillance cameras in the District.
- Video/audio recordings will be maintained for the period of time determined to be appropriate by the Transportation Supervisor unless otherwise required by law.
- Review of videotapes will be conducted by the Transportation Supervisor and/or the Building Principal or his/her designee.
- Viewing will be permitted only at school-related sites including the transportation office, school buildings, or central administrative offices.