

VIDEO SURVEILLANCE ON SCHOOL BUSES

I. PURPOSE

The transportation of students to and from school is an important function of the School District, and transportation by the School District is a privilege and not a right for an eligible student. The behavior of students and employees on the bus is a significant factor in the safety and efficiency of school bus transportation. Student and employees misbehavior increases the potential risks of injury. Therefore, the School District believes that video surveillance of passengers and employees on the school bus will encourage good behavior and, as a result, promote safety.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

A. Placement

1. School buses owned, leased, contracted and/or operated by the School District may be equipped with a fully-enclosed box for placement and operation of a video camera and conspicuously placed signs notifying riders that their conversations or actions may be recorded.
2. A video camera will not necessarily be installed in each and every school bus owned, leased, contracted and/or operated by the School District, but cameras may be rotated from bus to bus without prior notice to students.
3. Video cameras may be placed on a particular school bus, to the extent possible, where the School District has received complaints of inappropriate behavior.

B. Use of Video Records

1. Video of the actions of student passengers and/or employees may be used by the School District as evidence in any disciplinary action brought against any student or employee, arising out of the student's or employees conduct on the bus.
2. Video will be released to the public only in conformance with Federal and Minnesota Law.
3. Video will be viewed by School District personnel on a random basis and/or when discipline problems on the bus have been brought to the attention of the School District.

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