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RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES - VIDEO SURVEILLANCE MONITORING

The Board authorizes the use of video surveillance cameras in the public areas of district property for security purposes to ensure the health, welfare and safety of all students, staff, and visitors to district property, and to safeguard district facilities and equipment. An additional purpose is to provide a deterrent value to students or others who would be less likely to commit acts of violence or vandalism if they know their actions could be preserved at any hour of the day or night.

Video cameras will be used in areas of the schools where there is no reasonable expectation of privacy, which may include hallways, lunchrooms, gymnasiums, administrative offices, parking lots, and exits and entrances. Video cameras will not be used in washrooms, locker rooms, or changing areas.

The District will notify students through its handbooks that video camera surveillance may occur on district property, and signs will be placed on district property where video recording may occur indicating that video cameras may be used for safety and security reasons.

Students may be disciplined based on whole or in part on video evidence of misconduct and, if appropriate, referred to law enforcement agencies on the basis of such evidence. Tampering with the video cameras is prohibited. Tampering will subject violators to discipline under Board Policy 715.01 Student Behavior, possible criminal prosecution, and reimbursement for necessary repairs or replacement.

Video recordings are not regularly maintained by the District as student records, except when used as evidence in an internal disciplinary proceeding or for other good reason as determined by the Superintendent. Moreover, video recordings are not regularly maintained by the District as public records and shall not be available for viewing by the public, employees of the District in general, the media, or other individuals. Access to such videotapes shall be limited as follows:

1. School and district administrators and the Board of Education shall be authorized to view the video recording for the purposes of investigating and/or documenting disciplinary problems of the student and determining which student(s) may be involved.
2. A student subject to discipline based on activities recorded on video, and/or the student's parent(s) or guardian(s), may view the segment of the recording that documents the incident for which the student is being disciplined, if the video is to be used as evidence in a disciplinary hearing. Such access is subject to compliance with applicable state and federal laws related to student record maintenance and retention, as provided in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and the Illinois School Student Records Act.

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3. The Principal or Superintendent may authorize other school and/or district personnel, such as a teacher, school psychologist, or social worker, to view segments of a recording, if such personnel have a demonstrable educational or administrative interest in the recording.
4. If permitted or mandated by law or court order, the Superintendent is authorized to show a recording to other government agencies, including law enforcement agencies or the Department of Children and Family Services.

LEGAL: Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S. §1232(g), 34 C.F.R. Part 99
720 ILCS 5/14-3; Public Act 95-0352
Title I
Amendments to the Individuals with Disabilities Act (PL105-17).
Illinois Student Records Act (105 ILCS 10/1, et seq.)
Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5ILCS 140/1 et seq.)

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