

## **Video Cameras on Transportation Vehicles**

### Student Records

1. The District will comply with provisions of State and Federal Law regarding student records requirements including the Family Education and Privacy Act and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act as applicable to the District's use of video recordings. Video recordings that become a student's education record will be maintained in accordance with established education record procedures governing access, review and release of student records.
2. The District will include notice in parent/student handbooks that video cameras may be used on school transportation vehicles transporting students to and from curricular and extracurricular activities.
3. Students will not be notified when video camera is "on board" and in use on District vehicles.

### Staff Records

1. Video recordings considered for retention as part of the employee's personnel record will be maintained in accordance with established Board Personnel Policies, Administrative Regulations and labor agreements governing access, review and release of employee personnel records.
2. The District will include notice in personnel handbooks that video cameras may be used on school transportation vehicles transporting students to and from curricular and/or extracurricular activities.
3. Staff will not be notified when video camera is "on board" and in use on district vehicles.

### Storage/Security

1. All video recordings will be stored and secured to ensure confidentiality.
2. Video recordings will be stored for five (5) days after initial recording. These recordings will then be erased unless they become part of a student's education record.
3. Video recordings held for review of student or staff incident will be maintained in their original form pending resolution. The tape will then either be erased or retained as necessary as a part of the student's education record and/or employee's personnel record in accordance with the established District procedures.

Use

1. Video cameras will be used on school transportation vehicles as determined by the Transportation Supervisor/Superintendent.
2. Staff and students are prohibited from tampering with or otherwise interfering with video camera equipment.

Viewing Requests

1. Requests for viewing video recordings will be limited to school officials, including teachers whom the District has determined to have legitimate educational interests, parent(s) or guardian or student 18 or older or others specified in State and Federal Law and accompanying regulations.
2. Requests for viewing may be made to the Superintendent within five (5) school days of the date of recording.
3. Only the portion of the video recording concerning a specific incident(s) will be made available for viewing.
4. Approval/denial for viewing will be made within five (5) school days of receipt of request and so communicated to the requesting individual(s).
5. Video recordings will be made available for viewing within three (3) school days of the request approval.

Viewing

1. Actual viewing will be permitted at school related sites only, including the transportation office, schools, District Office or as otherwise required by law.
2. A written log will be maintained of those viewing video recordings including date of viewing, reason for viewing, the date the recording was made, vehicle video-taped and driver and the signature of the viewer.
3. Video recordings remain the property of the District and may be reproduced only in accordance with law, including applicable District Student Records Policy and Procedures and District Personnel Records Policy, Procedures and applicable labor agreements.

Installation (From OAR 581-53-517 [46] [a] - [f].)

1. Video surveillance cameras may be installed inside or on the forward bulkhead (header) above the windshield in compliance with the following requirements:

- a. Surface mounted camera/camera housing/video recording devices or those extending into the passenger compartment shall be mounted as close as practicable directly above the driver but not to extend into the area directly forward of the aisle beyond the existing 6" x 30" rear view mirror or the installation complies with all of the following:
  - (1) The camera/recorder/housing extends into the passenger compartment no more than 9";
  - (2) Extends down from the ceiling no more than 5";
  - (3) Is no wider than 5"; and
  - (4) Is located as close as practicable to the mid-point of the header at the highest possible position.
- b. If camera/camera housing or video receiving device extends into the passenger compartment, all edges must be rounded and/or protected with enclosure of shatterproof construction;
- c. Flush mounted camera systems (no extension into passenger compartment) may be mounted in any desired position on the bulkhead;
- d. Camera/camera housing must be adequately secured to the bulkhead or ceiling in a manner to prevent separation from the vehicle in the event of a collision or mishap. Securement system shall be capable of withstanding a force of 5,672 Newtons applied from any direction without separation from the bus;
- e. Camera mounting design must allow ready access for camera and video recording medium removal;
- f. All electrical connections shall be made with UL approved wiring and protected by grommets any place it passes metal panels.

Purchase, Maintenance, Replacement of Equipment/Supplies

1. The Transportation Supervisor will be responsible for all video equipment and supplies purchase, maintenance and replacement.
2. The Transportation Supervisor will develop a long-range video equipment and supply replacement cycle.
3. Vehicle drivers will be responsible for the care of video equipment while operating district vehicles.

Federal and State Laws and Regulations govern whether videotapes become education records. It is strongly recommended that policies regarding school bus videotaping be reviewed by the School District's attorney prior to adoption to be certain the policies accurately reflect Federal and State Laws, Regulations and applicable court rulings.