

VIDEO SURVEILLANCE

1. The Gloucester County School Board recognizes the division's responsibility to maintain order and discipline on school property and in school vehicles. The Board also desires to afford students and staff privacy in respect to the records maintained by the division.

The Board recognizes that electronic surveillance systems may be used as a tool in monitoring activity on school property and in school vehicles to protect the health, welfare, and safety of students and staff. The students and staff of the division recognize that their security and safety depend upon the capacity of the district to maintain discipline and that a certain amount of restraint upon the activities of students is assumed and expected.

The Board has considered carefully the rights of privacy of students and staff and has balanced them against the division's duty to maintain order and discipline.

2. Video surveillance may be used on school property and school vehicles only in accordance with the following provisions:

- A. The division shall notify its students and staff that video surveillance may occur on any school property or on any transportation vehicles. The district shall incorporate said notice in the student handbook;
- B. The Division Superintendent shall be responsible for the management of the video surveillance system and the security of the data produced. The use of video surveillance equipment on transportation vehicles shall be supervised by the Director of Transportation. The use of video surveillance equipment on school grounds and on other division property shall be supervised and controlled by the building administrator;
- C. The use of video recordings from surveillance equipment shall be subject to the other policies and regulations of the division, including policies concerning the confidentiality of student and personnel records; and,
- D. Video surveillance shall be used to promote the order, safety, and security of students, staff, and property.

3. The division shall comply with all applicable State and federal laws related to video recordings when, as determined by the division and in accordance with law, such recordings are archived as part of the student's behavioral record.

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LEGAL REFERENCE: *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act*
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

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