**VIDEO SURVEILLANCE ON SCHOOL PROPERTY**

RSU 10 recognizes the school district’s continuing responsibility to ensure the safety of staff

and students and to maintain order in and around school. After carefully balancing the need for maintaining safety, student discipline, order in and around school property with students’ and staffs’ interests in privacy, the Board supports the use of video surveillancecameras on school grounds and in areas of common use within buildings. Areas of common use include but may not be limited to parking lots, school entrances, hallways, cafeterias, libraries and gymnasiums*.*  In an effort to maintain school safety, order in and around school property, and reduce student behavior violations, the cameras may be used to monitor student behavior andmonitor activities in and around the school property at any time.

Notice of use of video cameras for safety anddisciplinary purposes will be provided to students, parents and staff in appropriate handbooks on an annual basis. In addition, notice that video surveillance may be in use will also be posted in each building where cameras are located.

Student violations of Board policies/procedures and school rules viewed or recorded on the video

surveillance system shall be addressed in accordance with the applicable Board policies and/or

school rules. In addition, evidence of illegal activities may be referred to law enforcement

authorities.When surveillancerecordingsare used as a basis for discipline, parents/guardians

will be given the opportunity to view theportion of the tape pertaining to the alleged violation.

Any recording used in a disciplinary proceeding will be retained as part of a student’s

disciplinary record, being disposed of as other such documentation except when special

circumstances warrant longer retention. In regard to such video recordings, the school system

will comply with all applicable provisions of state and federal law concerning student records.

The Superintendent is responsible for the development of administrative regulations regarding

the use ofthe video surveillance system. Such regulations will provide a process for review

when significant violations of the student discipline/conduct code occur. Regulations will

address monitoring of cameras, requests to view video recordings***,*** andretention of video

recordings.

Cross Reference: EEAEFA-R – Video Surveillance on School Property Administrative

 Procedure

EEAEF – Video Cameras on Transportation Vehicles

JRA – Student Educational Records

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