

WILMINGTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: OPERATIONS

TITLE: TRANSPORTATION -
VIDEO/AUDIO RECORDING

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810.2. TRANSPORTATION - VIDEO/AUDIO RECORDING	
<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p>The use of video and audio recording equipment supports efforts to maintain discipline and to ensure the safety and security of all students, staff, contractors and others being transported on District-owned, operated, or contracted school buses or school vehicles.</p>
<p>2. Definitions 75 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 102</p>	<p>School bus means a motor vehicle that is designed to carry eleven (11) passengers or more, including the driver, and is used for the transportation of preprimary, primary or secondary school students to or from public, private or parochial schools or events related to such schools or school-related activities.</p>
<p>75 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 102</p>	<p>School vehicle means a motor vehicle, except a motorcycle, designed for carrying no more than ten (10) passengers, including the driver, and used for the transportation of preprimary, primary or secondary school students while registered by or under contract to the School District. The term includes vehicles having chartered, group and party rights under the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission and used for the transportation of school children.</p>
<p>3. Authority 18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 5704</p>	<p>The Board authorizes the use of video and audio recording on school buses and school vehicles.</p>
<p>18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 5704</p>	<p>The Board prohibits the use of audio recording on any school bus or school vehicle that is not being used for a school-related purpose.</p>
<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility 18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 5704</p>	<p>The Board directs the Superintendent or designee to ensure that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Each school bus and school vehicle that is equipped with video and audio recording equipment contains a clearly posted notice informing drivers and passengers of the potential for video and audio recording.

<p>18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 5704</p> <p>5. Guidelines Pol. 113.4, 216</p> <p>Pol. 218</p>	<p>2. Parents/Guardians and students are annually informed, by letter mailed to the students' home addresses, of the policy authorizing video and audio recording on school buses and school vehicles.</p> <p>The District shall comply with the provisions of federal and state law and regulations regarding student record requirements as applicable to the District's use and disclosure of recordings. Recordings considered part of a student's educational record shall be maintained in accordance with established student record procedures governing access, review and disclosure of student records.</p> <p><u>Monitoring</u></p> <p>Student behavior on the school bus and the driver's management of student behavior shall be the two (2) key elements to a safe and enjoyable bus ride. The video camera on a school bus shall be an aide to monitoring bus discipline. The use of video cameras shall not replace the bus discipline policy, the authority of the driver or the responsibility of the students, bus driver or School District. Videotaping shall be scheduled on a rotating basis, but may be more intensive on routes that require additional supervision. Video monitoring shall be utilized, in addition to a submitted written report.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510</p> <p>Wiretap and Electronic Surveillance Act – 18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 5704</p> <p>Vehicle Code – 75 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 102</p> <p>Board Policy – 113.4, 216, 218, 805.1, 810</p>
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