

ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE OF PUBLIC AREAS OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

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The School District of Phillips approves the use of video cameras in school buildings and on school grounds for the purpose of maintaining a safe and orderly educational environment, for identifying disciplinary issues, for minimizing theft and vandalism, and for enforcing school policies and rules.

Video cameras may be used in any place on school premises where the public, students and staff have no reasonable expectation of privacy, such as entrances, hallways, stairwells, classrooms, cafeterias, gymnasiums, libraries, athletic fields, parking lots, and school buses. Video cameras will not be used in any area where the public, students and staff have a reasonable expectation of privacy, such as restrooms, locker rooms, private offices and private conference/meeting rooms.

The placement of video cameras is for the purpose of assisting with issues related to discipline, safety, and security. The video cameras will not be continuously monitored except when specifically authorized by the district administrator or his/her designee and only in compliance with state or federal law. Only individuals authorized by the district administrator or the building principal may view video recordings. A log will be kept of the date and names of the individuals viewing the video recording.

Students or others found to have violated board policies or school rules are subject to discipline in accordance with established policies and procedures. Should a video recording become a part of a student disciplinary action, the recording will become a part of the student's behavioral record consistent with the district's student records policies and procedures.

If there are no reported incidents pertaining to the date a video was recorded, the recording may be overwritten after 20 school days. Video segments involving violations of the law may be viewed by the respective legal authorities under the approval of the district administrator or his/her designee.

Legal Ref.: Wisconsin Statutes Section 118.125, 118.13, 120.13(1)

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