

Business

Use of Video Camera on the School Bus

The District approves the use of video cameras on school buses for the primary purpose of reducing disciplinary problems and vandalism, thereby allowing the driver to focus on the driving of the bus and providing for safer transportation for our students.

Parents/Guardians shall be notified once a year that video cameras are being used on buses.

The video tapes shall be kept secure and confidential, and shall only be viewed by authorized persons. The Transportation Supervisor, bus drivers, principals, district administrators and School Board members shall be authorized to view the video tape for the purpose of documenting a problem and determining which student(s) may be involved. Disciplinary action may be taken with students based on video documentation.

Students' rights according to District policy will be adhered to. The principals or district administrator may authorize other individuals, such as the guidance counselor, school psychologist or social worker, to view segments of a specific videotape, if such individuals are working with the student.

If there are no bus problems pertaining to the date a video was taped, the video may be erased or reused after 5 school days. Under no circumstance may a video tape be saved for more than one year after a student appearing on the tape ceases to be enrolled at the school.

Legal Reference: Wisconsin Statutes § 118.125; *Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act* (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99)

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