

Students/Personnel (Certified and Non-Certified)

VIDEO SURVEILLANCE

The Ledyard Board of Education desires to maintain safety, 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 District to the extent allowable by law and without prejudice to the Board's interest. The Board recognizes the value of electronic surveillance systems in monitoring activity on school property and in school vehicles. The students and staff of the District should recognize that their security and safety depends 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 finds that it is appropriate to provide for the use of electronic monitoring including but not limited to the use of video surveillance cameras in its transportation vehicles and on school grounds under the following guidelines:

1. Video cameras may be used to monitor student behavior on school transportation vehicles used to transport students to and from school and off-campus activities.
2. The District shall comply with all applicable state and federal laws related to video recordings when, as determined by the District and in accordance with law, such recordings are considered for retention as part of the student's behavioral record. Such records will also be subject to established District student records procedures including access, review, and release of such records.
3. The District shall annually notify its students and staff that video surveillance may occur on any school property or on any school transportation vehicle. The District shall incorporate said notice in staff and student handbooks.
4. The use of video surveillance equipment on school grounds and on other District property shall be supervised and controlled by the building principal or other designated administrator.
5. The use of video recordings from surveillance equipment shall be subject to the other policies of the District including those policies concerning the confidentiality of student and staff personnel records.
6. The Ledyard Board of Education and its employees shall be held harmless and shall not be liable for any loss, damage, expense, costs or other liability that may occur as the result of poor sound; poor visual presentation, or event not being recorded due to equipment malfunctions, costs, service disruption, or other reasonable concerns.
7. Video recordings may only be accessed or viewed by district administration or with permission of the Superintendent.

Related Policy:

5125 - Student Records - Confidentiality
5131.1 - Bus Conduct
5131.5 - Vandalism
5131.92 - Bullying
5144 - Discipline and Punishment
5145.12 - Search and Seizure

Legal Reference:

Title I - Amendments to the Individuals with Disabilities Act (Public Law
105-17)
Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)
CT General Statutes, Section 10-212c

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