

ECAF – AUDIO AND VIDEO SURVEILLANCE ON SCHOOL BUSES

Video cameras may be used on school buses to monitor student behavior. Audio recordings in conjunction with video recordings may also be captured, in accordance with the provisions of RSA 570-A:2.

Notification of such recordings is hereby established in this policy and in Policy JICK – Pupil Safety and Violence Prevention. The Superintendent or his/her designee will ensure that there is a sign prominently displayed on the school buses informing the occupants of the school buses that such video and audio recordings are occurring.

The Superintendent is charged with establishing administrative procedures to address the length of time, which the recording is retained, ownership of the recording, limitations on who may view and listen to the recording, and provisions for erasing or destroying the recordings.

All recordings shall be retained for a period not to exceed ten (10) days, unless the Superintendent determines that the recording is relevant to a disciplinary proceeding.

Recordings may be viewed only by the following persons and only after expressly authorized by the Superintendent including the Superintendent, Superintendent designee, Business Manager, School Principal, Law Enforcement Officers, and Transportation Contractor Official.

Parents of a student against who a recording is being used as part of a disciplinary proceeding will be permitted to view and listen to the recording. No other individuals shall be entitled to view or listen to the recording without the express authorization of the Superintendent.

Statutory/Regulatory/Policy/Handbook Cross References

RSA 570-A:2 (Capture of Audio Recordings on School Buses Allowed)
Handbook (Referenced in Student and Personnel Handbook)

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PREVIOUS POLICY: None.