

VIDEO SURVEILLANCE ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

The Winslow School Committee recognizes the school's continuing responsibility to maintain order and an appropriate learning environment in and around schools to ensure the safety of staff and students. After carefully balancing the need for safety with student and staff interests in privacy, the School Committee supports the use of video surveillance cameras on school grounds and in areas of common use within buildings. Areas of common use include but may not be limited to parking lots, school entrances, hallways, cafeterias, libraries and gymnasiums.

In an effort to maintain order and school safety, the cameras may be used to monitor activity during the school day and monitor activities in and around the school property at any time.

Notice of use of video cameras for safety and security purposes will be provided to students, parents and staff in appropriate handbooks on an annual basis. Appropriate signage, indicating the use of video cameras, will be displayed outside and within Winslow School Department buildings.

Violations of School Committee policies/procedures and school rules viewed or recorded on the video surveillance system shall be addressed in accordance with the applicable School Committee policies and/or school rules. In addition, evidence of illegal activities may be referred to law enforcement authorities. (In regard to such video recordings, the school system will comply with all applicable provisions of state and federal law concerning staff and student records).

The Superintendent is responsible for the development of administrative procedures regarding the use of the video surveillance system. Such procedures will provide a process for review when significant violations of the staff or student discipline/conduct code occur. Procedures will also address monitoring of cameras and requests to view video recordings, retention of video recordings, the security of video cameras and recordings, the school official(s) responsible for purchase, installation, maintenance, and replacement of equipment and scheduling and placement of cameras.

Cross Reference: EEAEFA-R -Video Surveillance on School Property Administrative Procedure
EEAEF -Video Camera Use on School Vehicles
JRA - Student Educational Records

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