

Board Policy Document

AUXILIARY SERVICES

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Policy Title: Use of Video Cameras on School Buses

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The Board supports the use of video cameras on school buses as a means to monitor and maintain a safe environment for students and employees.

Student Records

The content of the videotapes is a student record subject to board policy and administrative regulations regarding confidential student records. Only those persons with a legitimate educational purpose may view the videotapes. In most instances, those individuals with a legitimate educational purpose may include but are not limited to the Superintendent, building Principal, Transportation Manager, bus driver, and special education staffing team. A videotape recorded during a school-sponsored trip, such as an athletic event, may also be accessible to the sponsor or coach of the activity. If the content of the videotape becomes the subject of a student disciplinary proceeding, it may be treated like other evidence in the proceeding.

Notice

The school district will annually provide the following notice to students and parents:

The Sioux City Community School District Board of Education has authorized the use of video cameras on District buses. The video cameras will be used to monitor student behavior to maintain order on the school buses to promote and maintain a safe environment. Students and parents are hereby notified that the content of the videotapes may be used in a student disciplinary proceeding. The content of the videotapes are confidential student records and will be retained

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with other student records. Videotapes will be retained if necessary for use in a student disciplinary proceeding or other matter as determined necessary by the administration.

The following notice will also be placed on all school buses equipped with a video camera:

This bus may be equipped with a video/audio monitoring system.

Review of Videotapes

The District shall review videotapes when necessary as a result of an incident reported by a bus driver or student.

Viewing of videotapes is limited to the individuals having a legitimate educational purpose. A written log will be kept of those individuals viewing the videotapes stating the time, name of individual viewing, and the date the video tape was viewed.

Video Monitoring System

Video cameras will be rotated randomly on District buses as needed.

Determination of how video cameras will be used and which school buses will be equipped with video equipment will be made by the Superintendent in consultation with the building principals and Transportation Manager.

Student Conduct

Students are prohibited from tampering with the video cameras on the school buses. Students found in violation of this regulation shall be disciplined in accordance with the District discipline policy and shall reimburse the school District for any repairs or replacement necessary as a result of the tampering.

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