

**SD42 POLICY 5705****SURVEILLANCE**

PHILOSOPHY

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The Board recognizes its legal obligations under the [School Act](#) to ensure student safety, while upholding the privacy rights of students and staff as required under the [Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act](#) (FIPPA).

AUTHORITY

The Board assigns the responsibility for the implementation of the Surveillance policy to the Superintendent of Schools and authorizes them to establish procedures that will guide the implementation of this policy and ensure compliance.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. Surveillance will only be authorized where necessary to enhance the safety or protect property.
2. Surveillance will be carried out in a manner consistent with privacy protections under FIPPA.
3. Administrative procedures will define the approval process, appropriate use, review, and storage of surveillance recordings.
4. The Superintendent of Schools will ensure regular review of procedures to monitor for compliance with legislation, policy(ies), and best practices.

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The Board authorizes the use of video surveillance where it is reasonable or necessary to enhance the safety of students, staff, volunteers and the general public, or to protect property. ~~Section 74.01 of the School Act expressly authorizes the use of surveillance in school district facilities and property for safety and property protection purposes.~~

The Board recognizes ~~both~~ its legal obligations under the School Act to ensure student safety, while upholding the privacy rights of students and staff as required under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA). ~~to provide appropriate levels of supervision in the interest of student safety and the fact that students and staff have privacy rights that are reduced, but not eliminated, while at school. Thus video surveillance must be carried out in a way that respects student and staff privacy rights.~~

~~The Board also recognizes that it owes obligations under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act ("FIPPA"), and that surveillance recordings are governed by the provisions of FIPPA. The purpose of this Policy and the related Procedures is to ensure that the Board's legal obligations for safety and property protection are appropriately balanced with its personal information privacy obligations under FIPPA.~~

AUTHORITY:

The Board assigns the responsibility for the implementation of the Surveillance policy to the Superintendent of Schools and authorizes the Superintendent ~~them~~ to establish procedures that will guide the implementation of this policy and ensure compliance. ~~The Superintendent may delegate his/her authority in accordance with the provisions of this Policy and the procedures.~~

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

~~1.011.~~ Surveillance will only be authorized where ~~reasonable or necessary~~ to enhance the safety or protect property. ~~of students, staff, volunteers and the general public, or to protect property.~~

2. Surveillance will be carried out in a manner consistent with privacy protections under FIPPA.

3. Administrative procedures will define the approval process, appropriate use, review, and storage of surveillance recordings.

4. The Superintendent of Schools will ensure regular review of procedures to monitor for compliance with legislation, policy(ies), and best practices.

~~1.02 — Video surveillance is not to be ordinarily used in locations where private activities/functions are routinely carried out (e.g., bathrooms).~~

~~1.03 — The school principal, in collaboration with the maintenance department, is responsible for the proper implementation and control of the video surveillance system in the school, including by ensuring that access to equipment, records and footage is limited in accordance with the procedures.~~

~~1.04 — The Superintendent of Schools or designate shall conduct a review at least annually to ensure that this policy and procedures are being adhered to and to make a report to the Board on the use of surveillance in the School District.~~

~~1.05 — Surveillance is to be carried out in accordance with this policy and these procedures. The Board will not accept the improper use of surveillance and will take appropriate action in any cases of wrongful use of this policy.~~

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