

## **ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE**

To ensure the safety and security, and to protect the health and welfare of students and staff, The Fleetwood Area School District uses electronic surveillance systems in monitoring activity on school Property and in school vehicles. School district policy #810.1 authorizes the district's transportation contractor to intercept audio on school buses or school vehicles. The use of information from surveillance equipment shall be consistent with policies concerning the confidentiality of student and staff records.

## **AUDIO/VIDEO MONITORS**

### **Purpose**

The Board recognizes the district's responsibility to maintain 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.

The Board recognizes the value of electronic surveillance systems in monitoring activity on school property and in school vehicles in furtherance of protecting the health, welfare, and safety of its students and staff. The students and staff of the district 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.

### **Authority**

Having carefully weighed and balanced the right of privacy of students and staff against the district's duty to maintain order and discipline, the Board deems it appropriate to provide for the use of audio/video camera surveillance in its transportation vehicles, in buildings, and on school grounds.[1]

### **Guidelines**

The following guidelines shall govern the use of electronic surveillance equipment:

1. The district shall notify its students and staff that surveillance may occur on any school property or on any transportation vehicle. The district shall incorporate said notice in the student handbook.
2. The use of surveillance equipment on transportation vehicles shall be supervised by the district transportation secretary. The use of surveillance equipment in the district building, on school grounds, and on other district property, shall be supervised and controlled by the building administrator or other responsible administrator.
3. The use of information from surveillance equipment shall be subject to the other policies of the district, concerning confidentiality of student and staff records.
4. Surveillance shall only be used to promote the order, safety, and security of students, staff, and property.
5. This policy authorizes the district and its transportation contractor to intercept audio on school buses or school vehicles for safety, security, and disciplinary reasons.
6. The district shall notify students and their parents/guardians of this policy through student handbooks and a posting on the district website.[1]
7. A notice shall be placed on each school bus or school vehicle that is furnished with audio recording equipment stating that students may be audiotaped. This notice shall be clearly visible to all who are entering the vehicle.[1]

Legal

1. 18 Pa. C.S.A. 5704

24 P.S. 510

75 Pa. C.S.A. 102