



XXX: VIDEO SURVEILLANCE – FACILITIES AND SCHOOL BUS (P)

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POLICY

For reasons of enhancing the safety of students and others on school premises and deterring destructive acts, the Board, in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPPA), the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of BC (OIPC), and the *School Act*, authorizes the use of video surveillance equipment on school district property, where circumstances have shown that it is necessary for these purposes and its benefit outweighs its impact on the privacy of those observed. We recognize that recorded video is considered “personal information” and is governed by *FOIPPA*.

In dealing with surveillance of students, the Board recognizes both its legal obligation to provide appropriate levels of supervision in the interests of student safety and the fact that students have privacy rights that are reduced but not eliminated while the students are under the supervision of the school. Thus, video surveillance - like other forms of student supervision, must be carried out in a way that respects student privacy rights.

The Board recognizes that the video recording of students and drivers on School District school buses can be useful in promoting safety and minimizing disputes. The Board also recognizes that the video recording of students and drivers is a matter of sensitivity, therefore, the Board believes the use of video cameras on- board school buses should be governed by strict administrative guidelines and should only be carried out where circumstances have shown that it is necessary to ensure safety, order and discipline, including prevention of vandalism. As such, the XXXX: Video Surveillance – Facilities and School Buses (AP) has been created to define the necessary guidelines associated with this policy.

RESOURCES/REFERENCES

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA)
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of BC (OIPC)
School Act
XXXX: Video Surveillance – Facilities and School Buses (AP)