

712 DIGITAL SURVEILLANCE OTHER THAN ON BUSES

I. PURPOSE

Maintaining the health, welfare, and safety of students, staff, and visitors while on school district property and the protection of school district property are important functions of the school district. The behavior of individuals who come on to school property is a significant factor in maintaining order and discipline and protecting students, staff, visitors, and school district property. The School Board recognizes the value of digital/electronic surveillance systems in monitoring activity on school property in furtherance of protecting the health, welfare, and safety of students, staff, visitors, and school district property.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. Ch. 13 (Minnesota Government Data Practices Act)
Minn. Stat. § 121A.585 (Notice of Recording Device)
20 U.S.C. § 1232g (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act)
34 C.F.R. Secs. 99.1-99.67

Cross References: MSBA/MASA Model Policy 506 (Student Discipline)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 515 (Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 709 (Student Transportation Safety Policy)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 711 (Digital Recording on School Buses)
MSBA Service Manual, Chapter 2, Transportation

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II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

A. Placement

1. School district buildings and grounds may be equipped with digital recording cameras.
2. Digital recording surveillance may occur in any school district building or on any school district property.
3. Digital recording surveillance will normally not be used in bathrooms or locker rooms, although these areas may be placed under surveillance by individuals of the same sex as the occupants of the bathrooms or locker rooms. Digital recording surveillance in bathrooms or locker rooms will only be utilized in extreme situations, with extraordinary controls, and only as expressly approved by the superintendent.

B. Use of Digital Recordings

1. Digital recordings will be viewed by school district personnel on a random basis and/or when problems have been brought to the attention of the school district.
2. A digital recording will be released only in conformance with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minn. Stat. Ch. 13 and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g and the rules and/or regulations promulgated thereunder.