

I. PURPOSE

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

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

A. Placement.

1. NWSISD controlled property may be equipped with video cameras.
2. Video surveillance may occur in any NWSISD controlled space.
3. Video surveillance will normally not be used in bathrooms or locker rooms, although these areas may be placed under surveillance by individuals of the same gender as the occupants of the bathrooms or locker rooms. Video surveillance in bathrooms or locker rooms will only be utilized in extreme situations, with extraordinary controls, and only as expressly approved by the Executive Director.

B. Use of Videotape.

1. Videotapes may be viewed by NWSISD staff on a random basis and/or when problems have been brought to the attention of NWSISD staff.
2. A videotape 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 there under.

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: NWSISD Policy 506 (Student Discipline)
NWSISD Policy 515 (Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records)
NWSISD Policy 709 (Student Transportation Safety Policy)
NWSISD Policy 711 (Videotaping on School Buses)
MSBA Service Manual, Chapter 10, Transportation

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