

# NORTH BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION

SERIES 4000: SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS

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## VIDEO SURVEILLANCE POLICY

The Board of Education recognizes the district's responsibility in maintaining the safety and security of its students, employees and visitors on school grounds and in school vehicles. The Board understands that any records created and maintained by the district shall be the property of the Board and may be protected by privacy and confidentiality laws. The Board may use electronic surveillance equipment on school grounds as well as in school vehicles in order to protect the health, welfare and safety of its students and employees. The students and employees of the district understand that the district's obligation to maintain discipline in order to protect their safety and security, and that a certain amount of restraint upon the activities of students is assumed and expected.

The Board of Education, having carefully weighed and balanced the rights of privacy of students and employees against the district's obligation to ensure safety and security, finds that the use of video camera surveillance is appropriate on school grounds and in school vehicles as follows:

1. The district shall notify its students and employees that video surveillance may occur on any school property or in school vehicles. The district shall incorporate said notice in all student handbooks;
2. A building administrator or other responsible administrator shall supervise and control the use of video surveillance equipment on school groups and on other district property. The district's transportation supervisor will supervise and control the use of video surveillance equipment in school vehicles;
3. The use of video recordings from surveillance equipment shall be subject to the other policies of the district including policies concerning the confidentiality of student and personnel records;
4. The sole purpose of the video surveillance shall be to promote the safety and security of students, employees, visitors and property. In the event that video surveillance reveals that any students or employees have violated Board policies, administrative regulations, building rules or law, those persons shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

Legal Reference: Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, 20 USC § 1232g

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 34 CFR § 300.610 *et seq.*

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