

BALDWIN- WHITEHALL SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: OPERATIONS

TITLE: TRANSPORTATION
VIDEO/AUDIO MONITORING

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<p>1. Purpose</p> <p>2. Authority 75 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 102</p> <p>3. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">810.3. VIDEO CAMERAS ON TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES WITH AUDIO MONITORING</p> <p>The Board authorizes the use of a video/audio surveillance camera system on vehicles used for the transportation of students . The Board recognizes that serious misconduct on board a bus jeopardizes the safety of all passengers, monitors and drivers and that the use of video/audio monitoring equipment will help ensure safety by serving as a deterrent to serious misbehavior. Tapes will be utilized for the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Observe rider safety/rules violations. 2. Observe the driver adherence of safety, rider control, and standard procedures. 3. Document discipline violations to enforce rules and prove to students and drivers that behavior is monitored. 4. Observe incidents of alleged driver misconduct. <p>The Pennsylvania State Board of Education regulations grant School Boards the authority to make reasonable and necessary rules governing the conduct of students in school and while being transported on school vehicles. Authorized by 75 Pa. C.S. §102, the Board sets conditions for the video and audio taping for disciplinary or security purposes on a school bus or school vehicle.</p> <p>Responsibility for the oversight of the camera system and tapes lies with the Administration. Discriminate use of taped behavior lies with the Administration. The Video tapes will be maintained in the transportation office for a period of ten (10) school days following the date of taping except in those instances where disciplinary action is pending/disposition is reached.</p> <p>The Superintendent and his/her designee shall oversee the routine procedures necessary to provide for video-taping of each bus.</p> <p>The responsibility for maintaining reasonable discipline on board our school buses begins with the individual driver. Bus Conduct Reports will continue to be the</p>
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<p>4. Guidelines 18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 5704 75 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 102</p>	<p>primary tool for use by the driver to report misconduct s/he observes that cannot be corrected by less formal means, such as assigning of seats or verbal warnings. These Reports are forwarded to the responsible building principal for corrective disciplinary action. The video/audio recording may also be used in situations of alleged driver misconduct.</p> <p>Video cameras with audio capability for disciplinary or security purposes will be installed on school buses or school vehicles as those terms are defined in 75 Pa.C.S. §102. Notification of the video/audio surveillance system on such vehicles shall be provided to parents and guardians, students and staff. A notice shall be placed, in a clearly visible spot, in each vehicle indicating that such a surveillance system maybe in operation. Intent of the District to utilize this equipment shall be made available through Student Handbooks, mass mailings and/or media coverage and the parents, guardians or students agree and consent that it is a condition of the privilege of the use of school transportation that there is no expectation of privacy with respect to any use of the video and audio recordings.</p> <p>The schedule for the placement of cameras is limited to the Superintendent, Transportation Director or the Superintendent’s designee.</p> <p>Bus drivers and student riders will not be provided with any knowledge of the presence or absence of the use of the cameras. Notices will be posted and shall appear as though a camera is installed on board and taping at all times and on all days.</p> <p>Review of videotapes will be limited to the Superintendent, the principal, the assistant principal, the School Board, the Director of Transportation, student and his/her parents/guardians. A student and his/her parents/guardians may view only that portion of the video tape which relates to the discipline of the student.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510</p> <p>Wiretap and Electronic Surveillance Act – 18. Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 5704</p> <p>Vehicle Code – 75 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 102</p>
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