

POLICY

ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE

The Mount Laurel Township Board of Education supports the use of electronic surveillance systems on school property and on school buses transporting pupils as a means to monitor and maintain a safe environment for students and employees. The recorded content of the electronic surveillance system may be used as evidence in a student disciplinary hearing.

1. The Board recognizes the district's continuing responsibility to maintain and improve discipline, and ensures the health, welfare and safety of its staff and students on school property and school transportation vehicles.
2. The Board, after having carefully weighed and balanced the rights of privacy of students and staff with the district's duty to ensure discipline, health, welfare and safety of staff and students on school transportation vehicles supports the use of video cameras on school property its transportation vehicles.
3. Video cameras may be used to record student behavior on school transportation vehicles transporting students to and from school.
4. Such equipment may also be used to record the performance of district employees in the fulfillment of their duties on school transportation vehicles transporting students to and from school.
5. This policy shall not require the Board or any employee of the district to provide electronic surveillance at all or any particular times or location.
6. Students in violation of district conduct rules shall be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with established Board policy and administrative regulations governing student's conduct and discipline.
7. Staff shall be subject to established Board personnel policies, administrative regulations and labor agreements including provisions related to evaluation, discipline and dismissal.
8. Electronic surveillance, depending on how it is used in student disciplinary proceedings, may become a part of a student's education record. In such cases, the district shall comply with all applicable state and federal laws related to education records. Such records will also be subject to established district procedures regarding education records including access, review and release of such records.

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9. The Chief School Administrator and/or designee shall develop procedures for the notification of staff, students, parents and others as necessary of the use of video cameras on school property and school transportation vehicles and such other procedures as may be required for the implementation of this policy.

Students are prohibited from tampering with any electronic surveillance system. Students found in violation of this regulation shall be disciplined in accordance with district discipline policy and shall reimburse the district for any repairs or replacement necessary as a result of the tampering.

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