



Policy Manual

POLICY 770: Video Cameras on Buses

In the interest of student safety the Board of Education of School District #49 (Central Coast) supports a system of video recording on District buses. Such systems have been demonstrated to improve student behavior and thus reduce driver distraction.

Cameras may be mounted on District buses and students may be recorded electronically. Unless there has been an incident for which disciplinary action is being taken, recordings will be deleted promptly and reused without being viewed by anyone.

In cases where a disciplinary action is taken, the electronic record will be retained to provide supporting documentation. These records will only be viewed by District supervisory staff and then only in the event of a dispute over whether discipline was properly imposed. In some cases the recordings may also be viewed by parents of a student subject to discipline. All records retained for this purpose will be kept for one year before being destroyed.

Guidelines

1. Parental consent for the possible publication (in this case viewing) of pictures is required under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy legislation. Advice of this program shall be a separate item in the general consent forms provided to parents at the beginning of each school year.
2. The Supervisor of Transportation will retain the right to first discern whether or not recordings are retained