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Use of Video Monitoring Cameras

The Board recognizes the need to provide a safe learning environment for students and staff. Therefore, the Board authorizes the use of video cameras on District property to assist in ensuring the health, welfare, and safety of all staff, students, and visitors to District property and to safeguard District buildings, grounds, and equipment.

Video cameras will also be used to assist in ensuring that behavior on school property is consistent with the established safety and conduct rules, policies and procedures. If unacceptable behavior is observed and/or reported, timely and appropriate corrective action will occur.

The Superintendent or designee is responsible for the implementation of safety and security measures at each building and the proper use of video monitoring systems. Cameras will be utilized to monitor activity in common areas such as hallways and parking lots. Only employees authorized by the Superintendent may use and/or monitor the video surveillance system.

Signs shall be posted at various locations to inform students, staff and the public that video monitoring cameras are in use. The video monitoring of school buildings and grounds will not include audio recordings unless specific notice is given as required by law.

No staff member or volunteer may make an audio or video recording of a student without permission of the parent, except for when the event is open to the public. Events open to the public, include but are not limited to public performances, and athletic competitions.

To protect the privacy rights of staff, students, and visitors all state and federal statutes will be followed.

Cross References:

Legal Reference:	§45-8-213, MCA	Privacy in Communications
	§40-6-701, MCA	Interference with fundamental rights of parents restricted ( <i>revised by House Bill 32</i> )

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