

Unity School District - Board of Education

Board Policy 751.21

Use of Video Camera on Student Transportation Vehicles

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The Unity School District approves the use of video cameras on student transportation vehicles for the primary purpose of reducing disciplinary problems and vandalism on the vehicles, thereby allowing the driver to focus on the driving of the vehicle, and providing for safer transportation and the general well-being of students.

Unity School District will provide an annual notice to parents that video cameras are used on school buses.

Unity School District authorizes its student transportation provider to use video cameras on school buses.

Preliminary review of videotapes may be conducted by the Contracted Student Transportation Services Terminal Manager. Further review may be conducted by the bus drivers, and principals, in consultation with the District Administrator, for the purpose of enforcing school bus rules as to specific students. Disciplinary action may be taken with students based on a video documentation. The **disciplinary** record will be maintained by the school administrator as a pupil record.

The video shall not be available for viewing by the public in general, employees in general, media, or other individuals. The principals or District Administrator may authorize other individuals, such as the school counselor, school psychologist or social worker, to view segments of a specific video, if such individuals are working with the student on the video because of a behavior, emotional, or learning problem, and viewing the video is beneficial to their role in assisting the student. A log shall be kept of the date and names of the individuals viewing video.

A video which does not record student misconduct or other serious incidents, including student injuries and motor vehicle accidents, and which will not be used for the purpose of enforcing school bus rules, may be erased and reused after three (3) days.

LEGAL REFERENCE: WI Stat 118.125, Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1975