

Book Policy Manual

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7440.02 - SMART SENSOR AND MONITORING EQUIPMENT TECHNOLOGY

[DRAFTING NOTE: This policy is being offered to address the emerging monitoring technology used to detect vape smoke and the like.]

In order to protect students and faculty, promote security and protect the health, welfare and safety of students, staff and visitors, the Board authorizes the use of smart sensor and electronic monitoring equipment on school property, and in school buildings and school buses. Smart sensor and monitoring technology uses devices that can sense, collect, and process a variety of environmental information. Information obtained through smart sensor devices may be used to identify intruders and persons breaking the law, Board policy, or the Student Code of Conduct (i.e., it may be used as evidence in disciplinary actions and criminal proceedings).

The monitoring of actions and behavior of individuals who come onto school property is a significant factor in maintaining order and discipline and protecting students, staff, visitors, and school and student property. Smart sensor monitoring systems serve to complement other means being employed in the District to promote and foster a safe and secure teaching and learning environment for students and staff. The Board recognizes that the use of a smart sensor monitoring system does not replace the need for the ongoing vigilance of the school staff assigned by the building principal to monitor and supervise the school building. Rather, the smart sensor monitoring system serves as an appropriate and useful tool with which to augment or support the in-person supervision provided by staff. The building principal is responsible for verifying that due diligence is observed in maintaining general campus safety and security.

The Superintendent is responsible for determining where to install and operate fixed-location smart sensor monitoring equipment in the District. The determination of where and when to use smart sensor equipment will be made in a nondiscriminatory manner. Smart sensor equipment may be placed in designated areas in school buildings (e.g., school hallways, restrooms, classrooms, locker rooms, entryways, the front office where students, employees, and visitors are permitted to freely come and go, gymnasiums, cafeterias, libraries).

Any person who takes action to damage, block, move, or alter the location of a smart sensor shall be subject to disciplinary action.

Any information obtained from smart sensor monitoring systems may only be used to support the orderly operation of the School-District's schools and facilities, and for law enforcement purposes, and not for any other purposes. As such, information obtained through the use of smart sensor equipment may be used as evidence in any disciplinary proceedings, administrative proceedings, or criminal proceedings, subject to Board policy and regulations administrative guidelines.

Smart sensor technology is to be implemented in accordance with this policy and the any related guidelines. The Board will not accept or tolerate the improper use of smart sensor equipment and monitoring technology and will take appropriate action in any cases of wrongful use of this policy such technology.

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