

# INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #877 POLICY

## Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose

INDEX TITLE Noninstructional Operations and Business Services SERIES NO. 700

POLICY TITLE Video Surveillance Other Than On Buses CODE NO. 712

### I. PURPOSE

Maintaining the health, welfare, and safety of students, staff, and visitors while on school district property and the protection of school district property are important functions of the school district. The behavior of individuals who come on to school property is a significant factor in maintaining order and discipline and protecting students, staff, visitors, and school district property. The school board recognizes the value of video/electronic surveillance systems in monitoring activity on school property in furtherance of protecting the health, welfare, and safety of students, staff, visitors, and school district property.

### II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

#### A. Placement

1. School district buildings and grounds may be equipped with video cameras.
2. Video surveillance may occur in any school district building or on any school district property.

#### B. Use of Videotape

1. Videotapes will be viewed by school district personnel on a random basis and/or when problems have been brought to the attention of the school district.
2. A videotape will be released only in conformance with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minn. Stat. Ch. 13 and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g and the rules and/or regulations promulgated thereunder.

#### C. Security and Maintenance

1. The school district shall establish appropriate security safeguards to ensure that video recordings are maintained and stored in conformance with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minn. Stat. Ch. 13, and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g, and the

rules and/or regulations promulgated thereunder,

2. The school district shall ensure that video recordings are retained in accordance with the school district's records retention schedule.

**Legal References:** Minn. Stat. Ch. 13 (Minnesota Government Data Practices Act)  
Minn. Stat. § 121A.585 (Notice of Recording Device)  
Minn. Stat. § 138.17 (Government Records; Administration)  
20 U.S.C. § 1232g (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act)  
34 C.F.R. Secs. 99.1-99.67

**Cross References:** MSBA/MASA Model Policy 506 (Student Discipline)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 515 (Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 709 (Student Transportation Safety Policy)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 711 (Videotaping on School Buses)  
MSBA Service Manual, Chapter 2, Transportation

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