

FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Security, Safety, and Emergency Procedures

Video Surveillance

This policy supersedes Policy 8614.4.

I. PURPOSE

To protect the safety of students, employees, visitors, and property.

II. SUMMARY OF CHANGES SINCE LAST PUBLICATION

- A. Section III.A. has been revised to authorize ongoing interior video monitoring for building interior areas to include cafeterias and specific interior areas identified by the principal that warrant monitoring.
- B. Section III.C. has been revised to require the maintenance of regulations that define a process of community engagement to obtain feedback prior to implementing ongoing interior video monitoring and to require annual reports on key indicators to the School Board for those schools utilizing interior cameras.

III. PHILOSOPHY

A. Ongoing Monitoring

The school system may install video cameras and other imaging devices to record images of building exteriors, warehouse areas, interior rooms and closets used for storage of valuable assets, and high-risk areas in administrative offices. **Ongoing interior video monitoring is also authorized for building interior areas to include cafeterias and specific interior areas identified by the principal that warrant monitoring, but specifically exclude classrooms and areas that have a reasonable expectation of privacy, such as restrooms and locker rooms.** It also may make video and sound recordings on school buses.

B. Reasonable Suspicion Monitoring

Temporary video monitoring or other imaging with visible or concealed recording devices may be initiated when there is reasonable suspicion that a violation of policy or regulation is occurring at a particular location. Such surveillance may be initiated only by individuals authorized to do so by regulation and only after a determination that such surveillance will be temporary and can be conducted in accordance with legal standards.

C. Safeguards—all video or other electronic surveillance

There will be no video or other electronic surveillance of private areas such as restrooms and locker rooms.

Regulations shall include provisions regarding the storage, security, retention, and destruction of digital surveillance images to ensure that use of them is consistent with law, reasonable, and protective of student privacy. No surveillance images shall be distributed outside the school system except as permitted by law or policy.

The Superintendent will maintain regulations that define a process of ensuring that principals follow a process of community engagement to obtain support prior to implementing ongoing interior video monitoring. The regulations shall also require that schools that implement interior cameras provide annual reports on key indicators to the School Board.

Employees and students shall be notified by regulation and signage that they may be subject to video surveillance or other imaging while on **FCPS Fairfax County Public Schools** property.

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