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Policy Title: Video Surveillance

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The Marshalltown Community School District Board of Education authorizes the use of video surveillance equipment at school sites throughout the District and on school transportation.

Video surveillance will help protect and enhance the safety of students and staff; protect school property and assets from theft and vandalism; assist school officials in detecting and deterring unacceptable behavior; and assist in identifying intruders or other persons endangering the health, well-being or safety of school community members. 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.

Video surveillance 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 video surveillance 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 video surveillance system serves as an appropriate and useful tool with which to augment or support the in-person supervision provided by staff.

This policy does not address or cover instances where school officials record a specific event (e.g., a play, music performance, athletic contest, graduation, or Board meeting), or an isolated instance where a classroom is videotaped for educational or research purposes.

Authorized videotaping for educational, instructional and/or research purposes is permitted and is not addressed by this policy.

The Superintendent is directed to develop administrative regulations to address the use of video surveillance/electronic monitoring equipment in school buildings, school buses and on property owned and/or operated by the Board.

Video surveillance is to be implemented in accordance with this policy and the related regulations, as well as Iowa's Open Record Law, the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, and all other relevant state and federal laws. The Board will not accept or tolerate the improper use of video surveillance/electronic monitoring equipment and will take appropriate action in any cases of wrongful use of this policy.

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Legal Reference:
Iowa Code Chapter 22
FERPA 20 U.S.C. 1232 g; 34 C.F.R. 99.1-99.67
Title I of the Electronic Communication Privacy
Act of 1986
18 U.S.C. 2510-2521 §§ 2510-25224

Cross Reference: