

SECURITY CAMERAS IN SCHOOLS

The North Middlesex Regional School Committee works to maintain a safe and secure environment for its students, staff, visitors, and facilities.

In pursuit of this objective, the School Committee authorizes the use of security cameras in school district buildings and on its property to ensure the safety of all students, staff and visitors, to deter theft, vandalism and other negative behavior, to safeguard district buildings, grounds and equipment, and to monitor unauthorized individuals in or on school property. Security cameras may be used in locations as deemed appropriate by the Superintendent of Schools in consultation with school officials as well as local law enforcement and emergency response agencies. They may be used in any area, inside or outside of school buildings where there is no reasonable expectation of privacy.

The district shall notify students and staff through student and employee handbooks and appropriate signage that security cameras have been installed and may be used at any time. Students or staff identified on security cameras in violation of School Committee policies will be subject to disciplinary action.

The Superintendent shall ensure that proper procedures are in place and are followed regarding use, viewing, disclosure, retention, disposal and security of video recordings or photographs from security cameras in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. A video recording used for security purposes in school district buildings and/or on school property shall be the sole property of the school district. All video recordings will be stored in their original format and secured to avoid tampering and to ensure confidentiality in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Access to video recordings from security cameras shall be limited to school district administrators. Law enforcement and emergency response officials may be granted access to video recordings or the security system after giving prior notice to the Superintendent/designee.

The Superintendent may issue further guidance that is consistent with current laws and this policy.

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