

SECURITY

The Hull School Committee recognizes Hull Public School's responsibility to maintain order and discipline on school property and in school vehicles. The Hull School Committee also desires to afford students and staff privacy in respect to the records maintained by Hull Public Schools. The School Committee recognizes the value of video surveillance, motion detectors, alarm systems and other security devices and measures in monitoring activity on school property and in school vehicles in protecting the health, welfare and safety of its students, staff and visitors to district property, and to safeguard district facilities and equipment. The students and staff of Hull Public Schools recognize that their security and safety depends upon the capacity of Hull Public Schools to maintain discipline and that a certain amount of restraint upon the activities of students is assumed and expected.

Having carefully weighed and balanced the rights of privacy of students and staff against Hull Public Schools obligation to maintain order and discipline, the Hull School Committee authorizes the use of video cameras surveillance and other security devices and measures as necessary in school vehicles and on school grounds as follows:

1. Hull Public Schools shall notify its students and staff that video surveillance and other security devices and measures may occur on any school property or on any school vehicle. Hull Public Schools shall incorporate said notice in the student handbook;
2. The use of video surveillance equipment and other security devices and measures on school grounds and on other District property shall be supervised and controlled by the building Principal or his/her designee;
3. The use of recordings from surveillance equipment and other security devices and measures shall be subject to the other policies of the Hull Public Schools including policies concerning the confidentiality of student and personnel records;
4. Surveillance and other security devices and measures shall only be used to promote the order, safety and security of students, staff and property; however, recordings may become part of a student's educational record or a staff member's personnel record. Hull Public Schools shall comply with all applicable state and federal laws related to record maintenance and retention.
5. Through the use of surveillance and other security devices and measures, if it has been found that injury has occurred to students, staff or visitors or that damage or vandalism has occurred to school property, student(s) or staff in violation of Hull School Committee policies, administrative regulations, building rules or law, violators shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action and if warranted, prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

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