



Section Six: School District Facilities

645 – VIDEO SURVEILLANCE CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION (CCTV)

Introduction

The Board of Education recognizes that use of CCTV is necessary for student safety and requires support of the Parent Advisory Council prior to any installation of cameras.

The Board of Education, under Section 74.01 of the School Act, authorizes the use of closed circuit television surveillance on School District property and school buses for the purposes of enhancing the safety of students, staff, volunteers and the general public, protecting property, and deterring vandalism, violence and destructive acts.

The School District also recognizes the importance of personal privacy in our community, and supports the use of surveillance in a manner that minimizes encroachments upon the privacy of students, staff, volunteers and the general public. Accordingly, the use and operation of video surveillance within the School District will be subject to privacy considerations and applicable statutory limits and requirements.

Policy

1. The use of video surveillance is authorized where circumstances have shown that it is necessary and that the benefits outweigh privacy concerns of those observed.
2. In dealing with surveillance of students, the Board recognizes its legal obligation to provide appropriate levels of supervision in the interests of student safety.
3. Individuals have privacy rights that are reduced (but not removed) while the individuals are in or on district premises. Video surveillance, as with other forms of supervision, must be carried out in a manner respectful of these rights.
4. Video surveillance is to be carried out in accordance with this policy and the regulations and failure to comply will result in appropriate action by the Board.
5. For further information on the use of CCTV, contact the Freedom of Information Office at:
The Office of the Secretary-Treasurer/CFO
Central Okanagan Public Schools
1040 Hollywood Road South
Kelowna, B.C. V1X 4N2 250-860-8888

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