

POLICY 6.60 VIDEO SURVEILLANCE

The Board of Education recognizes their responsibility to provide a learning environment for students, staff and others that recognizes the right to assemble and associate without undue intrusion on personal privacy. This responsibility is balanced with a commitment to ensuring student safety, protecting Board property, deterring acts of vandalism and crime, and addressing inappropriate behavior.

The intent of this policy is to ensure that the need to deploy video surveillance is compelling and that any resulting effects on privacy rights are minimized and implementation of video surveillance considers recommendations made by the BC Privacy Commissioner from time to time.

Video surveillance is not intended to monitor the work of staff.

This policy is not intended for emergency deployments such as a short-term covert action relating to a specific criminal investigation.

This policy does not apply to non-school buildings owned or operated by the School District as video surveillance cameras are being deployed in increasing numbers to improve safety and reduce vandalism.

Parties whose privacy may be impacted by video surveillance have the right to be aware that they are under video surveillance.

The limited use of video surveillance systems shall comply with all federal and provincial legislation and regulation. The Board authorizes the Superintendent to develop administrative procedures to guide the implementation of this policy.

Guidelines

1. In accordance with the *School Act*, appropriate approvals of the Parent Advisory Council will be obtained.
2. Ensure that there is a compelling reason for each deployment.

3. Ensure that video surveillance is only used after all other reasonable and less invasive alternatives have been considered.
4. Ensure that video surveillance records are secure, and that access is restricted to Senior Staff, school administrators and the Operations Manager.