

Sparta Area School District

Article 174 – Surveillance Cameras

Surveillance cameras may be used in all areas under the supervision of the Sparta Area School District, as well as school busses under the supervision of the school district. The District has a responsibility under Wisconsin State law to provide for safe and healthful facilities, to provide for the care, control and management of school property, and to provide for the general supervision over the schools.

It is the intention of the District to comply with state law. Cameras may be placed in public areas such as instructional spaces, busses, hallways and athletic areas where the expectation of privacy is vacant.

Cameras images are not viewed regularly or continuously in real time except when specifically authorized by the superintendent in an emergency situation and only in compliance with state or federal law.

Access to video recording will be at the discretion of the superintendent or building principal and shall be limited to viewing for the purpose of documenting an incident for which a student is being disciplined. The District reserves the right to provide copies of recordings to law enforcement agencies as deemed appropriate by the superintendent and in compliance with appropriate federal and state laws.

Buildings with surveillance cameras will post signs at all main entrances stating that video surveillance cameras are in use but not continuously monitored. Other public areas of District buildings and grounds may be subject to limited term surveillance with the authorization of the superintendent when there is reason to believe that a safe and orderly educational environment is at risk or to monitor areas where theft and/or vandalism are believed to be occurring.

Legal Reference: Wisconsin Statutes 942.08(2), 118.125

Cross Reference:

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