

Policy 712 VIDEO RECORDING OTHER THAN ON BUSES

I. PURPOSE

Maintaining the health, welfare, and safety of students, staff, and visitors while on Northfield Public Schools' property and the protection of district property are important functions of the district. The behavior of individuals who come on to district property is a significant factor in maintaining order and discipline and protecting students, staff, visitors, and district property. The school board recognizes the value of video recording systems in monitoring activity on school property in furtherance of protecting the health, welfare, and safety of students, staff, visitors, and district property.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

A. Placement.

1. District buildings and grounds may be equipped with video cameras.
2. Video recording may occur in any district building or on any district property.
3. Video recording is prohibited in the interior of restrooms, changing rooms, and locker rooms.

B. Use of video recordings.

1. Video recordings may be viewed by district officials on a random basis and/or when problems have been brought to the attention of the district. "District officials" include the superintendent or their designee, licensed school administrators, high school activities director, the director of human resources, the director of buildings and grounds and their administrative assistant.
2. A video recording of the actions of students and/or employees may be used by the district as evidence in any disciplinary action brought against any student or employee arising out of the student's or employee's conduct in district buildings or on school grounds.
3. A video recording will be released only in conformance with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, [Minnesota Statutes chapter 13](#), and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 United States Code section 1232g, and the rules and/or regulations as outlined.

C. Security and maintenance.

1. The district shall establish appropriate security safeguards to ensure that video recordings are maintained and stored in conformance with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, [Minnesota Statutes chapter 13](#), and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 United States Code section 1232g, and the rules and/or regulations as outlined.
2. Only designated school officials have access to the camera equipment and operations system. For the purposes of this policy, school officials are the superintendent or their designee. Only the school officials will handle the camera or copies of video segments.

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Legal References: Minn. Stat. Ch. 13 (Minnesota Government Data Practices Act)
Minn. Stat. § 138.17 (Government Records; Administration)
Minn. Stat. § 609.746 (Interference with Privacy)
20 U.S.C. § 1232g (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act)
34 C.F.R. §§ 99.1-99.67 (Family Educational Rights and Privacy)

Cross References: MSBA/MASA Model Policy 403 (Discipline, Suspension, and Dismissal of School District Employees)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 406 (Public and Private Personnel Data)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 502 (Search of Student Lockers, Desks, Personal Possessions, and Student's Person)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 506 (Student Discipline)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 515 (Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 709 (Student Transportation Safety Policy)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 711 (Video Recording on School Buses)

Resources: U.S. Department of Education: FAQs on Photos and Videos under FERPA (Accessed 10.12.2025)