

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS SECURITY

Buildings and grounds owned by the School District constitute one of the greatest investments of the School District. It is in the best interest of the District to protect the investment.

Security includes maintenance of a secure building and protection from fire hazards, faulty equipment and unsafe practices in the use of electrical, plumbing and heating equipment. The Board requires close cooperation with local law enforcement and fire departments and with insurance company inspectors.

Access to school buildings and grounds outside of regular school hours will be limited to personnel whose work requires such access. A key control system will be established, which will limit access to buildings to authorized personnel only and will guard against entrance to buildings by persons not authorized to have keys.

All school property shall have this notice posted:

"NO TRESPASSING 11:00 P.M. TO 6:00 A.M. VIOLATORS ARE SUBJECT TO PROSECUTION"

Surveillance Equipment

The Board recognizes the District's responsibility to maintain order and discipline on school property and in school vehicles. Recognizing the value of electronic surveillance systems in monitoring activity, the Board directs the administration to develop regulations to implement the surveillance program. The regulations must be in compliance with law to protect the privacy rights of students and staff.

1. Cameras - Surveillance cameras may be used both inside and outside of buildings and on school vehicles to assist in the security of students, staff and property.
2. Metal Detectors - The administration is authorized to use stationary or mobile metal detectors at its discretion. The Board directs the administration to develop regulations for the use of detectors.

Any search of a student's person as a result of activation of the detector is conducted in private.

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LEGAL REFS.: The Elementary and Secondary Education Act; 20 USC 1221 et seq.
 Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act; 20 USC Section 1232g
 U.S. Const. Amend. IV
 ORC 3313.20

CROSS REFS.: EBC, Emergency/Safety Plans
 EEACCA, Video Cameras on Transportation Vehicles
 JFC, Student Conduct (Zero Tolerance)
 JFCJ, Weapons in the Schools
 JFG, Interrogations and Searches
 JO, Student Records
 KK, Visitors to the Schools

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