

Video Surveillance

Policy No. 402.10

The Board of Education, School District No.91 (Nechako Lakes), authorizes the use of video surveillance equipment on school district property where circumstances have shown that it is necessary to enhance the safety of students, staff and others on school premises and where it is necessary to protect personal belongings and school district property.

The Board also approves the use of video surveillance equipment on school buses for the purpose of student safety.

In those circumstances where a school has not previously had video surveillance cameras in the school or on school property, the Board may choose to consult with the school's Parent Advisory Council prior to approving camera installation.

In dealing with the surveillance of students, the Board recognizes both its legal obligation to provide appropriate levels of supervision in the interests of student safety and the fact that students have privacy rights that are reduced but not eliminated while the students are under the supervision of the school. Thus, video surveillance, like other forms of student supervision, must be carried out in a way that respects student as well as staff privacy rights as per guidelines from the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner (OIPC).

The Board reserves the right to require district and school staff to conduct a review of each video surveillance installation on an annual basis at year end and to report to the Board. The report should contain an assessment of the effectiveness of the video surveillance equipment in accomplishing the original intent.