

The Policy Committee recommended language in blue at its public work session on 2/1/24.

File: EFGH

## **SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS**

### **I. Purpose**

The purpose of Policy EFGH is to provide for student and staff safety ~~by establishing regulations and guidelines regarding~~ through the use of surveillance cameras and to establish guidelines for their use.

### **II. Background**

Safe schools are a necessity and cameras are an integral part of a the Washington County Public Schools safety plan.

Visual access provides an additional layer of safety, security, and documentation.

### **III. Policy Statement/Procedures**

- A. The Board of Education authorizes the ~~use and~~ installation and operation of surveillance cameras on Washington County Public Schools (WCPS) property, both owned and leased, and on school buses operated by WCPS and its contractors, and in vehicles owned by the Board.
- B. The authorized use of surveillance cameras includes capturing video and may include audio.
- C. The Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent or ~~his/her~~ their designee to allow visual access to the camera systems to emergency service personnel in instances where it is believed that ~~he/she~~ believes students, staff, or community members may be at risk.
- D. Staff and students ~~are to~~ will be informed of the presence of surveillance cameras.
- E. The Superintendent is authorized to promulgate an administrative regulation to implement this policy.

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