

POLICY 840: Use of Video Surveillance

The Board of Education of School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) authorizes the use of video surveillance equipment on school district property as necessary to enhance the health, safety and security in our school district to the extent that the benefits outweigh the impact on the privacy of those being surveyed.

The Board recognizes that privacy is a critical value in a democratic society and emphasizes that this video surveillance policy, and the practical use of video surveillance, must be guided by a commitment to the privacy and safety of staff, students, volunteers and the general public. To ensure the privacy of individuals, the use of video surveillance and the video recordings will be subject to the provisions of the British Columbia [Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act](#) (FOIPPA). In dealing with such surveillance of students, the Board recognizes that it has a legal obligation to provide appropriate levels of supervision in the interests of student safety, and further recognizes that students have privacy rights that are reduced, but not eliminated, while the students are under the supervision of the school. The Board also recognizes that video recordings will not be used for disciplinary actions against employees or volunteers unless a criminal act, violation of a Board policy, Workers Compensation Act, or contract term has been committed.

The Board of Education is aware that each year significant funds from the district operation budget are spent to repair school property damaged from vandalism. The need to reduce and prevent damage to property and hazard to personnel should be balanced with a commitment to providing a learning environment for students and a working environment for staff and others that recognizes the right to assemble and associate without undue intrusion on personal privacy.

Related Legislation: [Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act](#) (FOIPPA)

Related Legislation: [School Act 74.01](#) (Video Surveillance Cameras)

Related Contract Article: Nil

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