

USE OF VIDEO CAMERAS ON SCHOOL BUSES

The Hardy County Board of Education approves the use of video cameras on school buses for the primary purpose of reducing disciplinary problems and vandalism on the bus, thereby allowing the driver to focus on the driving of the bus and providing for safer transportation of students.

A sign shall be placed at the front of each bus indicating that video cameras are present.

Only the transportation supervisor/designee, individual bus operators, and administrative personnel shall be authorized to view the videotape for the purpose of documenting a problem and determining which students may be involved. Disciplinary action may be taken with students based on video documentation. The isolated segment of the videotape that documents the incident may be viewed by the identified student and his/her parent/guardian.

The videotape shall not be available for viewing by the public in general, the media, or other individuals. The administrative personnel may authorize other individuals, such as guidance counselors, school psychologist, or social workers, to view segments of a specific videotape if such individuals are working with the student to address behaviors related to the recording.

If there are no documented bus problems pertaining to the date a videotape was recorded, the transportation department may erase or re-use the videotape. If there is a documented incident on the video tape, that video clip will be kept for the length of time deemed necessary.

SOURCE: Board of Education Minutes

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