

## **EEAA - VIDEO AND AUDIO SURVEILLANCE ON SCHOOL PROPERTY**

The Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative School Board authorizes the use of video and/or audio devices on Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative School District property to ensure the health, welfare, and safety of all students, staff and visitors to District property and to safeguard District buildings, grounds, and equipment. The Superintendent will approve appropriate locations for surveillance devices. Placement of the video cameras will be based on the presumption and belief that students, staff and visitors have no reasonable expectation of privacy in areas or at events that occur in plain view.

Signs will be posted on school buildings to notify students, staff and visitors that video cameras may be in use. Parents and students will also be notified through the student handbook. Students will be responsible for any violations of school rules caught on tape by cameras.

The district will retain copies of video recordings until they are erased, which may be accomplished by either deletion or copying over with a new recording.

Videos containing evidence of a violation of student conduct rules and/or state or federal law will be retained until the issue of the misconduct is no longer subject to review or appeal as determined by board policy or applicable law. Any release or viewing of the video will be in accordance with the law.

Video tapes may be reviewed by District personnel for discipline and evaluation purposes. If disciplinary action is taken as a result of the video tape, the parent/guardian of the student may request to view the tape with the Principal or Superintendent.

Video recordings may become a part of a student's educational record or a staff member's personnel record. The district will comply with all applicable laws related to record maintenance and retention.

### **Note**

**NHSBA previously categorized this policy as Mandatory/Required by Law, Category P. Upon further research, it is not required by law. However, NHSBA strongly recommends that if your school board has authorized or is going to authorize the use of video and/or audio surveillance or recordings on school grounds, you have in place a policy before doing so.**

### **Legal References:**

*20 U.S.C. §1232g, Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)*  
*34 C.F.R. 99, Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act Regulations*

*Appendix: JICC-R & EEA-R*

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