

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 surveilled.

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 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](#) (FIPPA).

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 acknowledges 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.

Related Legislation: [Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act \[RSBC 1996\]](#), [School Act \[RSBC 1996, Part 6, Division 2, Section 74.01\]](#)

Related Contract Article: Nil

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