

Video Cameras on Buses

Placement of Cameras:

- A. Cameras shall be authorized for use in buses by the district supervisor of transportation.
- B. Drivers may request that a camera be placed in their buses. The contractor's supervisor of transportation shall discuss the reason for the request with the driver and shall decide if and when a camera shall be placed in the bus by special request.
- C. Cameras may be placed in the bus in a random manner to evaluate student rider behavior or to evaluate driver performance.
- D. Building principals may request the contractor's supervisor of transportation to authorize placement of a video camera in a bus when they have reason to believe that a problem exists.
- E. All buses where cameras may be utilized shall have signs notifying riders that video cameras may be in use.

Use of the Recorded Tapes:

- A. When the bus returns to the garage, the contractor's transportation department foreman/mechanic or supervisor shall remove the tape and retain it in a secure location.
- B. Drivers may request to view a tape on his/her bus in order to self-evaluate their performance, view student behavior, etc.
- C. The contractor or district supervisor of transportation may view the tape with or without the driver.
- D. If a serious or flagrant violation of student bus rules is observed or if there is a continued violation, despite intervention, standard disciplinary action may be taken. Lesser violations shall be brought to the attention of the student and proper conduct shall be explained.
- E. Any time a tape is to be used to support a disciplinary action, the tape shall be dated, labeled and kept on file at the transportation department office for as long as deemed necessary.
- F. Tapes not used to support disciplinary action may be reused.
- G. When a tape is used to support disciplinary action, the student or the student's parent/guardian/custodian may request to view the video. A viewing shall be arranged at the student's school or the transportation department office.
- H. A building principal or designee may request viewing of films through the contractor's transportation supervisor.
- I. The contractor or district supervisor of transportation may use videos to assist drivers with student behavior management skills.