

# SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 71 (COMOX VALLEY)

## POLICY MANUAL

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### Video Surveillance

For reasons of enhancing the safety of students and others on school premises and deterring destructive acts, the Board authorizes the use of video surveillance equipment on school district property, where circumstances have shown that it is necessary for these purposes and its benefit outweighs its impact on the privacy of those observed. This policy does not apply to student video taping and digital recording for educational purposes.

In dealing with surveillance of students, the board recognizes both its legal obligation to provide appropriate levels of supervision in the interests of student safety and the fact that students have privacy rights that are reduced but not eliminated while the students are under the supervision of the school. Thus video surveillance, like other forms of student supervision, must be carried out in a way that respects student privacy rights.

A recorded tape or digital recording is recognized to be subject to the provisions of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.