

Video Surveillance and Camera Use

Policy J-55

Mountain Brook Schools utilizes security cameras for video surveillance on school property as a component of its school safety measures. Cameras are used to assist in monitoring the health, welfare, and safety of all students, staff, and visitors while on school properties, as well as to safeguard facilities and equipment. Footage will be maintained for approximately 30 days. Any use of a private recording device to record students and/or employees without their consent on Mountain Brook Schools property (unless in the public arena) is strictly prohibited.

Security Cameras

Security and Surveillance cameras may be placed in locations throughout campuses and/or on school-provided transportation as deemed appropriate by the principal and the school safety team. Cameras may be utilized on the interior and exterior of buildings and properties and will be accessed by administrators when needed.

Classroom Cameras

Mountain Brook Schools utilizes classroom cameras in two instances:

- Safety and Security
- Teacher-directed teaching and learning

Classroom cameras will only be utilized when activated by an emergency alert or at the teacher's discretion for teaching and learning.

Access to Camera Footage

Video recordings may become part of a student's or staff member's educational or employment record should an investigation determine that video footage is relevant. MBS will release such videos only as permissible pursuant to applicable law, and to law enforcement officials with the permission of the Superintendent or his/her designee.

Notification

Staff and students will be made aware that on-campus video and surveillance may occur on school property and on school-provided transportation pursuant to the Technology Usage Policy.

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