

5901 AUDIO INTERCEPTION ON SCHOOL BUSES AND SCHOOL VEHICLES

1. The Board recognizes the need to maintain discipline on school buses and school vehicles. The Board also recognizes the security issues associated with the operation of school buses and school vehicles. In pursuit of these objectives, the Board adopts this Policy, which authorizes audio interception of conversations of students on school buses and school vehicles for disciplinary or security purposes in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance Control Act as amended (18 Pa.C.S.A. Section 5704(18) as amended).

2. The Board directs the Superintendent for the 2016-2017 school year and for each school year thereafter to include this Policy in both the School District's Elementary Student Handbook and Middle School/High School Student Handbook and to post a notice of this Policy on the School District's publicly accessible Internet website.

3. The Board directs the Superintendent to ensure that a notice, which informs students that they may be audiotaped, is posted and clearly visible on each school bus or school vehicle that is furnished with audio-recording equipment.

4. When a school bus or school vehicle is being used for a purpose that is not school related, then audio interception is not permitted.

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