

# ASPEN ACADEMY

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## **712 VIDEO SURVEILLANCE OTHER THAN ON BUSES**

### **I. PURPOSE**

Maintaining the health, welfare, and safety of students, staff, and visitors while on school property and the protection of school property are important functions of the school. The behavior of individuals who come on to school property is a significant factor in maintaining order and discipline and protecting students, staff, visitors, and school property. The Aspen Academy School Board recognizes the value of video/electronic surveillance systems in monitoring activity on school property in furtherance of protecting the health, welfare, and safety of students, staff, visitors, and school property.

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

#### **A. Placement**

1. School buildings and grounds may be equipped with video cameras.
2. Video surveillance may occur in any school building or on any school property.
3. Video surveillance will normally not be used in bathrooms or locker rooms, although these areas may be placed under surveillance by individuals of the same sex as the occupants of the bathrooms or locker rooms. Video surveillance in bathrooms or locker rooms will only be utilized in extreme situations, with extraordinary controls, and only as expressly approved by the Director prior to taping.

#### **B. Use of Videotape**

1. Videotapes will be viewed by school personnel on a random basis and/or when problems have been brought to the attention of the school.
2. A videotape will be released only in conformance with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minn. Stat. Ch. 13 and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g and the rules and/or regulations promulgated there under.