

**BLUFFVIEW MONTESSORI SCHOOL  
POLICY 712  
VIDEO SURVEILLANCE OTHER THAN ON BUSES**

**I. PURPOSE**

Maintaining the health, welfare, and safety of students, staff, and visitors while on Bluffview Montessori School property and the protection of Bluffview Montessori School property are important functions of Bluffview Montessori 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 Bluffview Montessori School property. The 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 Bluffview Montessori School property.

**II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

**A. Placement**

1. Bluffview Montessori School and grounds may be equipped with video cameras.
2. Video surveillance may occur in Bluffview Montessori School or on Bluffview Montessori 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 Head of School.

**B. Use of Video Recordings**

1. Video recordings will be viewed by Bluffview Montessori School personnel on a random basis and/or when problems have been brought to the attention of Bluffview Montessori School.
2. A video recording of the actions of students and/or employees may be used by Bluffview Montessori School as evidence in any disciplinary action brought against any student or employee arising out of the student's or employee's conduct in Bluffview Montessori School or on school grounds.
3. A video recording will be released only in conformance with the

Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, **Minnesota Statutes chapter** ~~Minn. Stat. Ch. 13~~, and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 **United States Code section** ~~U.S.C. § 1232g~~, and the rules and/or regulations promulgated thereunder.

C. Security and Maintenance

1. Bluffview Montessori School shall establish appropriate security safeguards to ensure that video recordings are maintained and stored in conformance with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, **Minnesota Statutes chapter** ~~Minn. Stat. Ch. 13~~, and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 **United States Code section** ~~U.S.C. § 1232g~~, and the rules and/or regulations promulgated thereunder.
2. Bluffview Montessori School shall ensure that video recordings are retained in accordance with Bluffview Montessori School's records retention schedule.

**Legal References:**

Minn. Stat. Ch. 13 (Minnesota Government Data Practices Act)  
Minn. Stat. § 121A.585 (Notice of Recording Device)  
Minn. Stat. § 138.17 (Government Records; Administration)  
Minn. Stat. § 609.746 (Interference with Privacy)  
20 U.S.C. § 1232g (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act)  
34 C.F.R. §§ 99.1-99.67 (Family Educational Rights and Privacy)

**Cross References:**

MSBA/MASA Model Policy 403 (Discipline, Suspension, and Dismissal of School District Employees)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 406 (Public and Private Personnel Data)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 502 (Search of Student Lockers, Desks, Personal Possessions, and Student's Person)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 506 (Student Discipline)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 515 (Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 709 (Student Transportation Safety Policy)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 711 (Video Recording on School Buses)  
~~MSBA Service Manual, Chapter 2, Transportation~~