

### **Unexpected Broadcast and Recording**

Using smart phones, cell phones, or any other type of recording device to record someone covertly, or posting such a recording to a place such as the Internet for public display or otherwise sharing that recording with others without the subject's consent, is hereby prohibited. Such actions are a violation of privacy and will not be tolerated. This prohibition applies to students, employees, volunteers, or any other person on school property or at a school sponsored activity. "Recording" for the purposes of this policy includes audio recording, video recording, and the taking of photographs. Violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action against students, up to and including suspension and/or expulsion, or disciplinary action against employees, up to and including suspension and termination.

This Policy shall not apply to members of the school administration, or individuals assigned by the administration, who are engaged in official business. However, administrators and/or individuals assigned by administration should verify that their actions are not otherwise prohibited by law prior to engaging in Recording activities.

Further, except as stated in the final paragraph below, it shall not be a violation of this Policy for an individual to record someone covertly if the purpose of the recording is to capture conduct that is reasonably believed by the individual making the recording to be a violation of the law, Board Policy, Administrative Regulations, or school rules, and such recording is shared with the administration, other certified staff, or law enforcement authorities. It shall remain a violation of this Policy for any individual other than an administrator or law enforcement officer to post or further share such a recording.

In certain circumstances, the audio recording of individuals constitutes a criminal violation of state and federal law. Such circumstances include, but are not limited to, the audio recording of another individual when the party making the recording is not present for the conversation. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Policy, making a recording in violation of state or federal law is a violation of this Policy.

#### Legal References:

Conn. Gen. Stat. §52-570d. Action for illegal recording of private telephonic communications.

Conn. Gen. Stat. §53a-187. Wiretapping.

Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 53a-189. Eavesdropping.

18 U.S.C. §2511. Interception and disclosure of wire, oral, or electronic communications prohibited.

Policy References:

Policy 5136. Use of Privately Owned Technological Devices by Students

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