

# Kimberly School District

Students 3613

## Listen In and Digital Assistant Technology, Audio and Visual Recording and Transmission

Recognizing a school-setting is a unique situation where confidential communications may be occurring and due to student privacy concerns, including such things as the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), Kimberly School District requires listen-in technology and voice assistant technology in possession of students, staff, and visitors be disabled while the device is at school, on district-provided transportation, and at school events. It is recognized that in this setting, an individual could potentially record a conversation where they are not a participant, accordingly, the district prohibits unauthorized audio or visual recordings or transmission of audio or images of students in the educational setting such as the classroom, conference, or school-related meeting. This policy does not pertain to school events in which the public has access such as performances, ballgames, award ceremonies etc.

Listen in and digital assistant technology devices include, but are not limited to the following: AngelSense, Gizmo Watch, Apple watches, Amazon Echo, Google Home, Alexa, Apple HomePod, Sonos One etc.

A parent/guardian, student, staff member, and visitor shall obtain approval from the building principal before operating digital assistant technology with recording or listen-in capability, at school or at a school-sponsored event in the educational setting such as the classroom, conference, or school related meeting. Any parent/guardian, student, staff member, and visitor receiving permission to use an electronic device with listen-in capability may be requested to enter into a user agreement with the school to define the scope and limits of such use.

The District itself utilizes various security cameras, the recordings (visual/audio) being subject to strict retention guidelines and limitations of viewing consistent with FERPA limitations for student educational records.

**Legal Reference:** Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. Section 1232g;  
34 CFR Part 99 (2000)

### Policy History

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