I. Policy Statement

The Board of Education of Baltimore County (Board) is committed to providing a safe and secure environment in all Baltimore County Public Schools’ (BCPS) school property. To accomplish this goal, the Board authorizes the use of safety and security equipment as one means of providing protection against security threats and ensuring the safety of all students, employees and visitors.

II. Definition

School Property – Any BCPS-owned, controlled or leased property or vehicle regardless of whether students are present.

III. Standards

A. The Superintendent shall develop and implement guidelines for the use of safety and security equipment on property owned, controlled and leased by the Board. These guidelines will include, but not be limited to:
   1. Identifying and evaluating any patterns of safety concerns on school property or at school-sponsored activities;
   2. Conducting an annual review of school/office site-based emergency plans; and
   3. Installing surveillance and other security technology to enhance school/office safety.

B. The Superintendent shall designate a school safety coordinator to serve as the liaison between BCPS and local law enforcement.

C. The Superintendent shall determine consequences for individuals who fail to comply with established procedures related to safety and security equipment.

IV. Implementation

The Board directs the Superintendent to implement this policy.
Legal Reference:  

*Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article § 7-1501, et seq.*,  
*Maryland Safe to Learn Act*  
*Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article § 26-102, Denial of Access to Public School Buildings or Grounds*  
*Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions Article § 4-314.1, Inspection of Records*

Related Policies:  

Board of Education Policy 1240, *Visitors to Schools and Offices*  
Board of Education Policy 4002, *Obligations of Employees of the Board of Education of Baltimore County*  
Board of Education Policy 4100, *Employee Conduct and Responsibilities*

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