

VANDALISM

Every citizen of the district, students and members of the police department are urged by the Board to cooperate in reporting any incidents of vandalism to property belonging to the school district and the name(s) of the person or persons believed to be responsible. Each employee of the district shall report to the principal of the school every incident of vandalism known to him or her, and if known, the names of those responsible.

The Superintendent is authorized to sign a criminal complaint and to press the charges against perpetrators of vandalism against school property, and is further authorized to delegate authority to sign such complaints and to press charges.

Vandalism is defined as the willful damaging, destruction or defacing of school-owned property.

This definition also applies to any deliberate tampering with or misuse of district computer network services or equipment.

It shall also include the willful damaging, destruction or defacing of property used by the school district in conjunction with related services such as school buses, on field trips, and other school-sponsored events that may occur off-campus.

Students found to have vandalized school property will face discipline in accordance with Applicable Board policies.

The Building Principal is authorized to report such acts of vandalism to local law enforcement authorities. Additionally, the District may seek financial reimbursement from either the student(s) or the students' parent/legal guardians for such damage caused.

If the vandalism is caused by someone other than a student of the District, the District may proceed with all legal remedies available to it under the law, including criminal prosecution.

When vandalism is discovered, the administration is directed to take such steps as are necessary to identify the vandals. If students have taken part in vandalism, the Building Principal shall:

1. Identify the students involved;
2. Notify the students' parents/legal guardians;
3. Decide upon disciplinary and/or legal action;
4. Take any constructive actions needed to guard against further student misbehavior; and
5. Seek appropriate restitution.

Students and community members are strongly urged to report incidents of vandalism and to cooperate with school officials in identifying the individuals responsible for causing vandalism.

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