

Lower Merion School District

Policy No.:	224
Section:	PUPILS
Title:	CARE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY
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Purpose

The Board believes that the schools should help students learn to respect property and develop feelings of pride in community institutions. The Board charges each student in the District's schools with responsibility for the proper care of the school property, school supplies and equipment entrusted to the student's use.

Policy

It is the policy of the Board that students who willfully cause damage to school property or who misuse or neglect school property shall be subject to disciplinary measures as determined by the building administrator pursuant to District policies, procedures and practices. Students and others who damage or deface school property may be prosecuted and punished under law. Parents and guardians shall be held accountable for the actions of their child as allowed by law.

The District may report to appropriate juvenile authorities any student whose willful damage or misuse of school property is serious or chronic in nature. Absent urgent or compelling circumstances, in no case shall referral to juvenile authorities be made without prior notification to the student's parent/guardian.

Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures to implement this policy which include rules for safekeeping and accounting of textbooks, supplies and equipment and an established schedule of fines for lost or damaged textbooks, supplies and equipment. The procedures will also outline consequences for student misuse of laptops as well as rules regarding deposit fees and insurance fees in relation to District-issued equipment and electronic devices such as District-issued laptops.

The Superintendent shall periodically submit a report on incidences of vandalism to the Board.

Vandalism reports shall include the number and kind of incident, cost to the District, and related information the Superintendent deems necessary.