

Students**VANDALISM AND GRAFFITI**

The Governing Board desires to enhance student learning by striving to provide an environment where students and staff can feel safe and secure and can take pride in their school. To that end, the Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies for preventing graffiti and vandalism on school grounds, including collaborating with local law enforcement and city and county officials, as appropriate, to help develop a coordinated response to graffiti and vandalism in the community.

Students and staff are encouraged to report any graffiti or vandalism to the principal or designee for investigation. The principal or designee shall determine whether the incident necessitates an investigation pursuant to the district's sexual harassment, hate-motivated behavior, or nondiscrimination grievance procedure.

As appropriate, the principal or designee may contact local law enforcement in instances when the graffiti is repetitive, identifies particular targets or groups, identifies the perpetrator, and/or contains incitements to violence, threats, or intimidation. Photographs or other evidence of the vandalism or graffiti shall be preserved as necessary for investigation by the district or law enforcement and as evidence in any district disciplinary proceedings.

The principal or designee shall ensure that graffiti on school grounds is removed and covered as soon as possible, and if practicable before the beginning of the school day.

A student who commits an act of vandalism or graffiti on school grounds shall be subject to disciplinary action, including, but not limited to, suspension or expulsion in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation. If reparation for damages is not made, the district also may withhold the student's grades, diploma, and/or transcripts in accordance with law.

Legal Reference:**State**

5 CCR 305

Civ. Code 1714.1

Civ. Code 51.7

Civ. Code 52.1

Ed. Code 48900

Ed. Code 48904

Ed. Code 48904.3

Gov. Code 53069.5

Pen. Code 594.1

Pen. Code 594.2

Pen. Code 594.6

Pen. Code 640.5

Description

Student responsible for care of property

Liability of parent or guardian for act of willful misconduct by a minor

Freedom from violence or intimidation

Discrimination liability

Grounds for suspension or expulsion

Willful misconduct; limit of liability of parent or guardian

Withholding grades, diplomas, or transcripts of pupils causing property damage or injury

Reward for information

Aerosol containers of paint

Intent to commit vandalism or graffiti

Vandalism or graffiti; community service

Graffiti; facilities or vehicles of governmental entity

Students

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Legal References:

State

Pen. Code 640.6

Description

[Graffiti](#)

Management Resources

Description

Website

[CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services](#)

Website

[California Department of Education](#)

Website

[CSBA](#)

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

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