BOARD POLICY

224 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.

Authority

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.

It is the policy of the Board that students who willfully cause damage to school property shall be subject to disciplinary measures. Students and others who damage or deface school property may be prosecuted and punished under law. Parents/Guardians shall be held accountable for the actions of their child in accord with applicable statute.[1] [2] [3]

School property that is damaged significantly enough that it can no longer be utilized, will be replaced at the responsibility of the child and/or parent/guardian.

The Board may report to appropriate juvenile authorities any student whose damage of school property is serious or chronic in nature. 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.[4][5]

The superintendent shall submit a report on incidences of vandalism to the Board on each occurrence, when vandalism is major in scope.

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

Teachers will be responsible for the care and inventory of all textbooks and supplies allotted to their classes by the principal.

Parent Liability

Parents/Guardians shall be responsible for the loss, damage or destruction of school property, or the property of other students, when such damage or loss is the result of deliberate or mischievous action, accidental cause that renders the property useless, or as otherwise provided by statute.

Replacement or repair of the school property shall be paid for by the student's parents/guardians within reasonable limits of their financial resources and within statutes.

Students guilty of defacing, or otherwise damaging school property, shall be required to repair all damages and shall be subject to suspension or expulsion and such other penalties as provided by statute.

Legal Footnotes

[1] **24 P.S. 777**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[2] **Pol. 218 — Student Discipline**
POLICY REFERENCE

[3] **Pol. 233 — Suspension and Expulsion**
POLICY REFERENCE

[4] **24 P.S. 109**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[5] **24 P.S. 801**
LEGAL REFERENCE