

STUDENTS

Vandalism

The Board of Trustees considers vandalism a very serious matter. Vandalism includes the negligent, willful, or unlawful damaging or theft of any district-owned real or personal property, including the writing of graffiti. Vandalism of school facilities constitutes a significant social and financial concern to the District. Costs of vandalism to the District, as well as the actions of the District to reduce vandalism, shall be communicated to residents of the District.

Students and their parents shall be responsible for all damage to equipment or school property done by the student. This responsibility applies in the matter of books and supplies of all kinds, as well as equipment, buildings, and grounds. Any district student who commits an act of vandalism shall be subject to disciplinary action by the district and also may be prosecuted through other legal means. If reparation of damages is not made, the district also may withhold the student's grades, diploma and/or transcripts in accordance with law.

The Superintendent is directed to develop and implement a positive incentive program, which will provide recognition of successful anti-vandalism efforts at the unit school level. A report on vandalism will be made to the community and Board on a yearly basis.

- Legal Reference:
- California Education Code
 - 48900 Grounds for suspension or expulsion
 - 48904 Willful misconduct, limit of liability of parent/guardian
 - 48904.3 Withholding grades, diplomas, or transcripts of pupils causing property damage or injury: transfer of pupils to new school districts; notice to rescind decision to withhold
 - Code of Regulations, Title 5
 - 305 Pupil responsible for care of property
 - Civil Code
 - 1714.1 Liability of parent or guardian for act of willful misconduct by a minor
 - Government Code
 - 53069.5 Reward for information concerning person causing death, injury or property damage; liability for reward
 - Penal Code
 - 594 Vandalism
 - 640.5 Graffiti; facilities or vehicles of governmental entity
 - 640.6 Graffiti

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