

CARE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY

The Board of Education believes that the schools should help pupils learn to respect property and to develop feelings of pride in community institutions. The Board charges each pupil enrolled in this district with responsibility for the proper care of school property and the school supplies and equipment entrusted to his or her use.

Pupils who willfully cause damage to school property will be subject to restitution and/or disciplinary measures. The Board authorizes in the case of such acts full or partial restitution as may be deemed appropriate for loss, damage, or defacement of textbooks, property, equipment, and other such items.

Pupils who cause damage to school property as a result of inappropriate behavior such as horseplay, and so forth, may be subject to partial restitution and/or disciplinary measures as determined by the principal. In such cases, the Board authorizes, when deemed appropriate, partial restitution. The amount of restitution should be determined after consideration of all factors of the incident and the behavior record of the pupil(s). Restitution will not be deemed to be applicable for situations in which the damage was caused by an inadvertent accident. The Board may report to the appropriate juvenile authorities any pupil whose vandalism of school property has been serious or chronic.

Staff members shall report all incidents involving the destruction of property to the school principal, who shall notify the Superintendent in accordance with law. The Superintendent shall develop rules for the safekeeping and accounting of textbooks, prepare a schedule of fines for lost and damaged textbooks, and report periodically to the Board the number and kind of instances of vandalism and the cost of vandalism to the school district.

N.J.S.A. 18A:4-29.1 et seq.; 18A:34-2; 18A:37-2, 37-3

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