

STUDENT PERSONNEL



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Rationale

While insurance policies are in place to cover some of the cost of repairing damage there is often a substantial deductible. Unnecessary claims on the Diocesan insurance policy may also affect future premiums.

In addition, while students are responsible for their actions the onus for paying for any damages caused by students are ultimately the responsibility of the parents/guardians.

Policy

Student(s) found guilty of destroying or damaging school district property are liable to suspension until their parents or guardian or in the case of an independent student, the student, makes payment for the damage, or until arrangements satisfactory to the school are made.

Regulation

1. When property belonging to the school district is destroyed or damaged by the intentional or negligent act of a student, the student and the parents or guardian (if the student is not an independent student) are jointly liable and may be required to make compensation.
2. Any student who may be required to make restitution or pay compensation for destruction of property and who fails to do so may be suspended from school and/or subject to legal action for the purpose of obtaining the compensation.
3. Vandalism occurring outside regular school hours must be reported immediately to the Principal who will take the necessary steps to ensure the building is rendered safe and secure. The Principal will prepare a report of the occurrence and submit a copy to the Superintendent and report the details at the next regular Local School Council meeting.
4. When vandalism and/or destruction of property occurs during the regular school hours or during school sponsored activities, the Principal shall:
 - 4.1 Investigate the circumstances surrounding the incident and make a decision as to whether or not any student(s) shall be required to pay compensation;
 - 4.2 Refer the matter, to the local school council with a recommendation regarding compensation;
 - 4.3 Complete the required report as soon as vandalism is discovered inside or outside a school district building and forward the report to the Superintendent and report the details at the next regular council meeting.

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