

4400 Vandalism

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STATUS: ADOPTED

VANDALISM

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Description:

The Board of Education is concerned that vandalism to schools and property owned by the Board results in the Board incurring useless expenses to replace or repair damaged property and also results, in some cases, in harm to instructional service provided to students. The Board is aware that those who commit such acts of vandalism are occasionally students of School District No. 59, and sometimes the perpetrators are not students.

In instances where the identities of the persons responsible for damaging School District property are known, it is the policy of the School District to take such steps including the taking of legal proceedings against those responsible in order to recover damages.

In approving this policy, the Board is motivated by:

- a) the need to recover the costs of repairing or replacing assets
- b) its desire to deter persons from committing acts of vandalism against School District assets

The Board will, in cases it considers appropriate, rely upon the School Act or Criminal Code and other applicable law, to establish “vicarious liability” on the part of parents for the actions of their children resulting in destruction of, damage to, loss of or conversion of School District assets.

This policy is intended for the general guidance of the Administration and nothing in this policy is intended in any way to fetter the discretion of the Board in taking any legal action the Board considers appropriate against any persons considered to have legal liability/culpability in cases of intentional or negligent damage to School District assets.