Policy

**VANDALISM**

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The school district’s buildings and grounds are built and maintained with public funds, and public funds will be utilized to pay for any damages to district property that are not otherwise recoverable. The board urges every citizen of the district to cooperate in reporting any incidents of vandalism to district property and the name of the person(s) believed to be responsible.

The administration will take all necessary steps and seek police cooperation and action to protect school property from theft and vandalism. Along with damage to buildings, heavy equipment, classroom resources, etc., vandalism also includes the knowing and unauthorized use, alteration, damage, or destruction of any computer, computer system, software, program, or computerized data.

The principal will report damage of any nature to school property, whether willful or otherwise, to the superintendent. The principal will also report break-ins to the superintendent and will report all suspected incidences of theft and vandalism to appropriate law enforcement authorities. Each employee of the district will report to the principal of the school every incident of vandalism known to the employee and, if known, the names of those responsible.

Any student of the district who enters or comes upon school grounds any time of the day or night and does damage to anyone’s personal property on school grounds or property belonging to the district will be trespassing and subject to disciplinary action. The student(s) and parents/legal guardians will be responsible for the damage and may be required to pay for repairs and/or replacement of the damaged property.

Adopted ^

Legal References:

1. S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended:
2. Section 16-7-170 - Entering public building for purpose of destroying records or other property.
3. Section 16-11-530 - Malicious injury to real property; school board members deemed owner of school property.
4. Section 59-24-60 - Requirement of school officials to contact law enforcement when criminal conduct occurs.