

REVISION

Business and Non-Instructional Operations

Recovery for District Property Loss or Damage

The Board of Education desires to create a safe and secure learning environment and to minimize acts of vandalism and damage to school property. When district property is damaged due to the willful misconduct of a student or other person, the district shall seek reimbursement of damages, within the limitations specified in law, from the parent/guardian of a minor child or from any other responsible individual.

The district may collect debt owed by a student or former student as a result of vandalism or to cover the replacement cost of district books, supplies, or property loaned to a student that the student willfully fails to return or that is willfully cut, defaced, or otherwise injured. However, this policy shall not apply to a student who is a current or former homeless or foster child or youth.

Rewards

The Board may offer and pay a reward for information leading to the determination of the identity of, and the apprehension of, any person who willfully damages or destroys any district property.

The Board authorizes the Superintendent or designee to offer a reward in any amount deemed appropriate, not exceeding \$2,500. A reward in excess of \$2,500 shall be authorized in advance by the Board.

The Superintendent or designee shall disburse the reward when the guilt of the person responsible for the act has been established by a criminal conviction or other appropriate judicial procedure. If more than one person provides information, the reward shall be divided among them as appropriate.

Legal References: CALIFORNIA EDUCATION CODE
19910 Malicious cutting, tearing, defacing, breaking or injuring
19911 Willful detention of property
44810 Willful interference with classroom conduct
48904 Liability of parent or guardian for willful misconduct;
withholding of grades, diplomas and transcripts
49014 Public School Fair Debt Collection Act
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 or reward
53069.6 Actions to recover damages
54951 Local agency; definition
PENAL CODE
484 Theft defined
594 Vandalism

594.1 Aerosol paint and etching cream
640.5 Graffiti; facilities or vehicles of governmental entity
640.6 Graffiti
Management Resources
CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services
Judicial Council of California
California Department of Education
CSBA

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