

BARNEVELD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL VANDALISM

The Barneveld School Board expects students to take pride in their school building and to make every attempt to keep it in good condition. Any student who damages, disturbs, or destroys school property is expected to make restitution to the district. A student may also be requested to cooperate and work with custodial personnel to help clean up any mess created by the student. Students who violate school board policy will be dealt with on an individual basis regarding appropriate discipline.

School boards have a duty under state law to provide for the care, control and management of district property.

The Board adopts the following in regards to school vandalism:

**Damage to Property** – The district prohibits persons from intentionally causing damage to any physical property of another, intentionally damaging any building by means of fire, or any property of another, intentionally damaging any building by means of fire, or any property of another by means of explosives.

**Graffiti** – The district prohibits anyone from intentionally marking, drawing, or writing with paint, ink or another substance on or intentionally etching into the physical property of another without the other's consent.

**Computer Damage** – The district prohibits computer vandalism. Computer vandalism is any malicious attempt to harm or destroy hardware, software, wiring, and data of another user, and it includes but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses.

The school district will bring legal action if the expenditure of money by the district is the result of criminal gang activity.

The Board is authorized to establish a reward, not exceeding \$500, for information leading to the arrest and conviction of person(s) who damage or destroy school property.

Persons, including children, will be required to pay forfeitures and/or restitution for specified criminal acts as ordered by the court.

Incident Reporting/Recordkeeping: All instances of vandalism should be reported to the designated school personnel. The narrative report should include the name of the perpetrator; the date, time and place of the act; any special circumstances related to the act; the date reported to police authorities; a description of the damage to school property and its effect on school operations; cost analysis of the damage, including estimated cost of repairs or replacement of labor, and any pertinent information.

The Barneveld School Board expects school personnel to report the vandalism to the district administrator or principal. The administration will:

1. Take measures to make the property secure to prevent further damage or vandalism.
2. Report the vandalism to the Iowa County Sheriff's Department.
3. Make a preliminary assessment of the damage and property loss with the assistance of any and all available resources.

4. Make whatever arrangements are necessary for the continuation of operation.
5. Complete a vandalism report.
6. Take appropriate disciplinary action based on the severity of the vandalism act. Disciplinary action will include referral to the Iowa County Sheriff's Department for appropriate legal action.
7. The administration should try to take appropriate measures to protect the identity of the reporter of the incident.

Apprehension/Discipline of Offenders: The Barneveld School Board will support the apprehension and punishment of any person involved in committing acts of vandalism. The district administrator is authorized to sign a criminal complaint and to press charges delegate, as he/she sees fit, authority to sign a criminal complaint and to press charges against perpetrators of vandalism against school property and is further authorized to delegate, as he/she sees fit, authority to sign such complaints and to press charges. If a student involved in an act of vandalism, he/she is subject to disciplinary actions based upon the severity of the misconduct. If a staff member is involved in a vandalism act, he/she is subject to discipline up to and including dismissal.

The Barneveld School Board authorizes the administration to pursue the collection of damages through legal action when appropriate.

Wisconsin Statutes Section: 120.13(8), 895.77(2), 943.017, 943.70

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