

Vandalism is the willful destruction of school property, equipment, or materials. The board will not tolerate vandalism and may seek criminal prosecution and take any legal action available for recovery of the loss.

All losses that may be due to vandalism will be reported and recorded in accordance with procedures established by the superintendent. The principal shall notify the superintendent or designee immediately of any forceful entry that results in theft and/or damages to school property.

Policies on student behavior apply to any student who has participated in vandalizing school property.

The student and his parent are expected to assume the financial responsibility of the loss incurred by the student's damage or theft of school property. Whenever feasible, principals should offer alternative methods for the student to assume the financial responsibility for the damage or theft involved.

Even if restitution is made, the school system has the right to prosecute the offender (as well as his parents, if the offender is a minor) in a court of law.

Additionally, any student who (whether before, during, or after school hours) willfully or maliciously damages or destroys any property utilized by the school or any school in the system, to such an extent that the operation of the school or of any facility of the school or of the school system is substantially impeded, shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action, including suspension or expulsion.

Legal References: G.S. 1-538.1; 14-127.1, -132, -132.2; 115C-100, -276(c), -288(f), -307(h), -398, -399, -523, -524, -526

Cross References: Security of Facilities (policy 9220)

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