

Students

Vandalism

Vandalism by Minors

The Board of Education believes it is the right of every student to be educated in a clean and well-maintained environment. Vandalism, graffiti and the defacement of school property are an impediment to education and will not be tolerated.

The parent or guardian of any minor/unemancipated child who willfully or maliciously cuts, defaces or otherwise injures in any way any property real or personal, belonging to or maintained by the school district shall be held liable for all such damages up to the maximum amount allowed under state law. Injury shall include intentional unauthorized modifications made to computer hardware and/or software.

The liability provided under Connecticut General Statutes 52-572 does not relieve the minor(s) of personal liability for such damage or injury. This liability of the parent for damages done by a minor child is in addition to any other liability which exists in law. Liability shall include all costs incurred to remedy the situation.

The parent or guardian of a minor child shall also be held liable for any damage to or failure to return textbooks, library materials or other materials loaned to the student. The student may also be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including suspension and expulsion, in addition to the withholding of grades, transcripts or report cards until the pupil pays for or returns the textbook, library book or other material. Furthermore, the student can be denied the opportunity to borrow any library or other books or materials until the pupil pays for or returns the missing books or materials.

Vandalism by an Adult Student

An adult student shall be held personally liable for any damage done to any property, real or personal, belonging to the school district. The student may also be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including suspension and expulsion..

Theft

Any and all thefts are to be reported to the administration immediately. Employees or students should not leave money or other valuables in a desk or room or any other unsupervised location. Students who are found to have engaged in theft may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including suspension and expulsion.

(cf. 6161.2 - Guidelines for Care of Instructional Materials)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-221(c) Boards of education to prescribe rules. (re sanctions that may be imposed by a board against students who damage or fail to return textbooks, library materials or educational materials)

52-572 Parental liability for torts of minors. Damage defined.

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