

Policy 7610 VANDALISM

The Board of Education believes that children should learn to respect property and take pride in the institutions of this community and the schools of this district.

A pupil who willfully and maliciously damages the property of this district, real or personal, will be held liable for the damage. Additionally, where minors are involved (including those who are not pupils in the district), the Board will hold liable for the amount of the damage the parent or guardian having legal custody and control of the minor responsible for the damage.

A person who purposely defaces or damages district property with any symbol that exposes persons to violence, contempt, or hatred on the basis of race, color, creed, or religion is guilty of a crime and shall be reported to appropriate law enforcement authorities. The Board may also report to the appropriate law enforcement agencies any person whose vandalism of school property is serious or chronic.

The Superintendent shall develop regulations to implement this policy and to protect textbooks, school equipment, and school facilities from undue wear, damage, or loss.

N.J.S.A. 2C:33-10 et seq.
N.J.S.A. 18A:34-2; 18A:37-3

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