

CHAPTER 8.00 - MAINTENANCE SERVICES

8.07 - Vandalism and Malicious Mischief

POLICY:

Where vandalism, breaking and entering, or burglary occurs to school property, the principal or the responsible department head shall report the matter immediately to the Superintendent and to the proper law enforcement agency giving all available information.

- (1) Where a pupil willfully damages school property, he/she shall be properly disciplined and his/her parents or guardian shall be requested in writing to restore or replace such damaged or destroyed property as determined by the true value established by the Superintendent.

In extreme cases of vandalism, a student shall be subject to suspension or dismissal from school under the charge of serious misconduct.

- (a) Any student who is convicted or is found to be delinquent because of the destruction of, or theft of, School Board property exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) in value shall be recommended by the principal to the Superintendent for expulsion. The dollar amount shall be cumulative, but nothing contained herein shall prohibit a recommendation of expulsion for a lesser amount of destruction or theft.
 - (b) All recommendations to the Superintendent shall be reported to the School Board, together with the action taken, if expulsion is not recommended to the Board; however, a specific name shall not be included.
- (2) In dealing with cases involving vandalism, breaking and entering, or burglary by a student, the principal is authorized to select and assign penalties which he/she deems appropriate to the seriousness of the offense. Such penalties may include but are not limited to the following:
 - (a) The case will be referred to the Florida Department of Children and Family Services and
 - (b) The student may be assigned to an Alternative Class (a student so assigned shall be on social suspension and shall not be a participant or spectator in any extracurricular activities for the remainder of the school year, including Grad Nite).
- (3) Where vandalism is known to have been committed by a minor and the parents or guardian refuse to restore or replace the property, a civil action against the parents or guardian shall be instituted by the Board in an appropriate action to recover damages in an amount not to exceed actual damages or as otherwise provided by law. (741.24)

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- (4) In any case of willful or negligent damage to school property by a person other than a student, the user or the person responsible for the damage shall be responsible for the replacement of the property or for payment of damages in accordance with the true value as determined by the Superintendent. Whoever willfully defaces or damages, in any manner, any Board property with an obscene word, image, or device is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree. (1013.22)

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