

Pittsfield School District

VANDALISM

Vandalism is defined as the willful damaging, destruction, or defacing of school-owned property.

This definition also applies to any deliberate tampering with or misuse of district computer services or equipment. It shall also include the willful damaging, destruction, or defacing of property used by the school district in conjunction with related services, such as school buses, on field trips, and other school-sponsored events that may occur off campus.

Students found to have vandalized school property will face discipline in accordance with applicable Board policies. The principal is authorized to report such acts of vandalism to local law enforcement authorities. Additionally, the district will seek financial reimbursement from either the students or the parents or guardians of the students for such damaged caused.

If the vandalism is caused by someone other than a student of the district, the district may proceed with all legal remedies available to it under the law, including criminal prosecution.

When vandalism is discovered, the administration is directed to take such steps as are necessary to identify the vandals. If students have taken part in vandalism, the dean of operations will:

1. Notify the students involved;
2. Notify the students' parents or guardians;
3. Decide upon disciplinary and/or legal action;
4. Take any constructive actions needed to guard against further student misbehavior; and
5. Seek appropriate restitution.

Students, staff, and community members are strongly urged to report incidents of vandalism and to cooperate with school officials in identifying the individuals responsible for causing vandalism.

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