

5513 CARE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY

The Board of Education believes that children should learn to respect property and develop feelings of pride in community institutions. The Board charges each pupil in the district with the responsibility for the proper care of school property and the school supplies and equipment entrusted to his or her use.

In accordance with law, pupils who cause damage to school property shall be subject to disciplinary measures, and their parent(s) or legal guardian(s) shall be financially liable for such damage. All textbooks must be covered within one week of distribution. Where the damage to district property is caused by a minor who is not a pupil of this district, the Board will hold the parent or guardian having legal custody and control of the minor liable for the amount of the damage.

The Board authorizes the imposition of fines for the loss, damage or defacement of textbooks or other school property entrusted to pupil use, and reserves the right to withhold a report card or diploma from any pupil whose payment of such fine is in arrears. Any person who purposely defaces or damages district property with any symbol that displays violence, contempt, or hatred on the basis of race, color, creed or religion is guilty of a crime and shall be reported to the appropriate law enforcement officials and their parent or legal guardian. The Superintendent shall develop procedures to implement this policy which include the requirement that all incidents involving the destruction of school property be reported to the Principal and School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

N.J.S.A. 18A:34-2; 18A:37-3
N.J.A.C. 6A:23-6.6

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