

LEBANON SCHOOL DISTRICT

POLICY: 224
SECTION: PUPILS
TITLE: CARE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY
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224. CARE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY

Purpose

The Board believes that the schools should help students learn to respect property and develop feelings of pride in community institutions.

Authority

The Board charges each student in the schools of this district with responsibility for the proper care of school property, school supplies, and the equipment entrusted to the student's use.

Students who willfully cause damage to school property shall be subject to disciplinary measures. Students and others who damage or deface school property may be subject to criminal or juvenile prosecution and punished under law. Parents and guardians of students shall be held financially accountable for the student's actions and the district may seek restitution.¹

The building principal or designee may report to the appropriate police and/or juvenile authorities any student whose damage of school property is serious or chronic in nature. In no case shall referral to police and/or juvenile authorities be made without prior notification to the student's parent/guardian.²

Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures to implement this policy which include rules for the safekeeping and accounting of textbooks, supplies and equipment; and the preparation of a schedule of fines for lost or damaged textbooks, supplies and equipment.³

¹ 24 P.S. 777.

² 24 P.S. 1338.

³ 24 P.S. 109; 801.

Students shall be required to pay for any property damage committed by them. Restitution for accidental damage shall be considered on a case-by-case basis. The principal shall be informed of all cases where restitution for damages is required and shall ensure that appropriate efforts are made to collect them.