

CASWELL COUNTY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY	<u>BUSINESS OPERATIONS</u> Damage Claims, Theft and Vandalism	550
---	--	------------

1. Damage Claims

Small damage claims for injury to a person or property arising from negligence or other extraordinary circumstances on the part of agents or employees of the district in the performance of their duties may result in disproportionate expense and time in defense and disposition of potential litigation. When the Board has waived its sovereign immunity by the purchase of liability insurance, the Superintendent is authorized, if in his opinion it would serve the best interest of the school system, to satisfy any such damage claim by payment of a sum not to exceed the deductible portion of the Board's liability policy.

2. Theft and Vandalism

Vandalism is the willful destruction of school property, equipment or materials. The Board will not tolerate vandalism and may seek criminal prosecution and take any legal action available for recovery of the loss.

All losses that may be due to vandalism will be reported and recorded in accordance with procedures established by the Superintendent. The Principal will notify the Superintendent, Director of Maintenance and appropriate law enforcement agencies immediately of any forceful entry that results in theft and/or damage to school property.

The student and his parent/legal guardian/legal custodian are expected to assume the financial responsibility of the loss incurred by the student's illegal entry, vandalism, theft of school property, or malicious damage. Whenever feasible, principals may offer alternative methods for the student to assume the financial responsibility for the occurrence. Additionally, any student who willfully or maliciously damages or destroys any property utilized by the school system to such extent that the operation of the school or of any facility of the school or of the school system is substantially impeded, shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action, including suspension or expulsion.