

Franklin Special Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in April	Descriptor Term: <h3 style="text-align: center;">Care of School Property</h3>	Descriptor Code: <h3 style="text-align: center;">6.311</h3>	Issued Date: <h3 style="text-align: center;">05/11/15</h3>
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1 Students shall help maintain the school environment, preserve school property and exercise care while
 2 using school facilities.

3 All district employees shall report all damage or loss of school property to the principal or designee
 4 immediately after such damage or loss is discovered. The principal or designee shall make a full and
 5 complete investigation of any instance of damage or loss of school property. The investigation shall be
 6 carried out in cooperation with law enforcement officials when appropriate.

7 School property is defined as buildings, buses, books, equipment, records, instructional materials or
 8 any other item under the jurisdiction of the Board

9 When the person causing damage or loss has been identified and the costs of repair or replacement
 10 have been determined, the director of schools shall take steps to recover these costs. This may include
 11 recommending the filing of a civil complaint in court to recover damages. If the responsible person is
 12 a minor, recovery will be sought from the minor’s parent or guardian.¹

13 In addition, the district may withhold the grades, and/or transcript of the student responsible
 14 for vandalism or theft or otherwise incurring any debt to a school until the student or the student’s
 15 parent/ guardian has paid for the damages.² If a student and/or his/her parent dispute damages or the
 16 amount of damages, the director of schools shall meet with them to discuss the matter. Within five (5)
 17 days of the meeting, the director of schools shall notify the student and his/her parent of the final
 18 decision.

19 When the minor and parent are unable to pay for the damages, the director of schools may meet with
 20 the parent in an attempt to reach an agreement. Upon payment or completion of an agreement between
 21 the director and a parent, the student’s grades, and/or transcripts shall be released. Such sanctions shall
 22 not be imposed if the student is not at fault.

Legal References

1. TCA 37-10-101
2. TRR/MS 0520-1-3-.03(15)

Cross References

- Visitors to the School 1.501
 Security 3.205
 Student Fees and Fines 6.709