

Van Buren County Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in April	Descriptor Term: Care of School Property	Descriptor Code: 6.311	Issued Date: 06/17/99
		Rescinds:	Issued:

1 Students shall help maintain the school environment, preserve school property and exercise care
2 while using school facilities.

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

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

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

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17 In addition, the district may withhold the grades, diploma, and/or transcript of the student responsible
18 for vandalism or theft or otherwise incurring any debt to a school until the student or the student's
19 parent/guardian has paid for the damages.¹ When the minor and parent are unable to pay for the
20 damages, the district shall provide a program of voluntary work for the minor. Upon completion of
21 the work, the student's grades, diploma, and/or transcripts shall be released. Such sanctions shall
22 not be imposed if the student is not at fault.

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34 Legal Reference: Cross References:
35 1. TCA 37-10-101 through 103
36 Visitors to the School 1.501
37 Security 3.205
38 Student Fees and Fines 6.709
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