

## CHAPTER 8.00 - AUXILIARY SERVICES

### VANDALISM AND MALICIOUS MISCHIEF

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The principal or designee shall report any vandalism immediately to the Superintendent and to the proper law enforcement agency giving all available information. Principals or their designees shall work with the Department of Safety, Security & Emergency Management to identify, prevent, and mitigate incidents of vandalism and malicious mischief.

- I. A student who willfully damages school property shall be properly disciplined and his/her parent(s), as defined by Florida Statutes, if the student is a minor, shall be requested, in writing, to restore or to replace any damaged property in accordance with the true value as determined by the principal, the responsible District department head, or in extreme cases the Superintendent and/or School Board. Expenses associated with repair, replacement and restoration costs shall be included in any/all reimbursements. In extreme cases of vandalism, a student shall be subject to suspension or expulsion from school under the charge of serious misconduct. The Code of Student Conduct shall identify disciplinary procedures for students who abuse school property. An adult student involved in the destruction of school property shall be held solely responsible for the damages.
- II. A civil action against the student's parent(s) may be instituted by the School Board in an appropriate action to recover damages in an amount not to exceed the limit prescribed by Florida Statutes if vandalism or theft of school property is known to have been committed by a minor and the parent(s) refuses to restore or replace the property.
- III. In any case of willful or negligent damage to school property by a person other than a student, the user or the person responsible for the damage shall replace the property or pay the damages in accordance with the true value as determined by the Superintendent.
- IV. Each organization which is granted a permit for the use of public property shall be responsible for any damage to the buildings, equipment, or grounds beyond that which would be considered normal wear and tear and shall pay for any such damage in accordance with the true value as determined by the Superintendent. Failure to comply with a request for payment of such assessed damages shall result in the individual, group, or organization being ineligible for further use of school property and such legal action as the School Board deems proper to recover the amount of damages.

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

**1001.42(11), 1001.43(4), F. S.**

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**741.24, 806.13, 1001.41(4), 1001.43(4), 1013.10, F.S.**

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