



Book	BHASD Policies
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Purpose

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

Definitions

The following words and phrases, when used in this policy, shall have the meaning given to them in this section:

School Property includes, but not limited to, any building, structure, athletic playing field, playground or land contained within the real property boundary line of the school in addition to textbooks, computers, lockers, supplies or any other items that students are permitted to use that are owned by the school. This also includes resources contracted, by the District but not owned.

Authority

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

It is the policy of the Board that 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 prosecuted and punished under law. Parents/Guardians shall be held accountable for the actions of their child. [\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)[\[3\]](#)

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

Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent or designee shall develop administrative regulations to implement this policy which include rules for safekeeping and accounting of school property, as well as a procedure for lost or damaged school property. [\[4\]](#)[\[5\]](#)

Guidelines

Damage or Loss of School Property

School Property, once distributed, shall become the responsibility of the students, and they are responsible for maintaining the school property in the condition in which they have been received.

If damage is done to any school property, it shall be the responsibility of the principal to determine whether the item is usable and to assess any penalty.

Replacement cost should be imposed at the time the school property is reported damaged or lost.

Cost will be prorated in accordance with the condition of the school property.

Legal

[1. 24 P.S. 777](#)

2. Pol. 218

3. Pol. 233

[4. 24 P.S. 109](#)

[5. 24 P.S. 801](#)

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