

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

No. 224

SECTION: 200 Pupils

TITLE: 224 Student Care
of School Property

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224 STUDENT CARE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY

Purpose

The Board of Education (“Board”) believes that the schools should help students learn to respect property and develop feelings of pride in community institutions. The Board also recognizes the relationship between effective use of property and School District financial solvency.

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 is 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, supplies or any other items that students are permitted to use that are owned by the school.

Authority

The Board charges each student with responsibility for the proper care of school property, including textbooks, supplies, and equipment entrusted to his/her **the student’s** use. [1]

Delegation of Responsibility

Students are responsible for the care, maintenance and timely return of all ~~textbooks~~ **school property**.

Students should be encouraged to respect school property. Schools shall require students and/or **parent/guardians** to sign a compact ~~contract~~ **acknowledging to acknowledge in writing** their responsibility for the care and prompt return of **any** school property lent to them by the school.

Loss or damage to computers and portable computing devices must be reported and documented in accordance with Board policy 717.1. [2]

Students and/or their parents/guardians ~~will~~ **may** be assessed ~~penalties~~ **consequences** for lost or damaged school property. Imposition of one or more of the following ~~penalties~~ **consequences** is permitted:- ~~a charge~~ **repayment of the cost** for replacement of the property; requiring the student to perform a prescribed number of hours of school service; ~~delayed receipt of a report card~~; and/or loss of privileges such as participation in sports or other extra-curricular activities, proms and other special events or graduation-related activities, if ~~privileges~~ **these potential consequences are expressly written in the school handbook.**

~~Students and others who damage or deface school property may be prosecuted and punished under law~~ **subject to disciplinary measures.** Parents and guardians of students shall be held accountable for student actions. ~~The Board may report to the appropriate authorities any student whose damage of school property has been serious or chronic in nature.” to Parents and guardians of students shall be held accountable for student actions. Parents and guardians of students shall be held accountable for~~

student actions. ~~The Board may report to the appropriate authorities any student whose damage of school property has been serious and/or chronic in nature and the student may be prosecuted and punished under law. Parents/guardians of students shall be held accountable for student actions. The Board~~ **The Superintendent, or designee may report to the appropriate authorities any student whose damage of school property has been serious or chronic in nature and the student may be prosecuted and punished under the law. [1][3][4]**

~~The Superintendent shall develop procedures to implement this policy which include rules for the safekeeping and accounting of property; preparation of a schedule of fines or repayment for lost or damaged property; and a report to the Board on the nature and incidence of vandalism. This report shall include the number and kind of incident, the cost of vandalism to the district, and such related facts and comments as the Superintendent may wish to make.~~

~~Principals may authorize or allow parents/guardians to review report cards in the school setting in order to provide notice and facilitate resolution of students' failure to return or account for assigned books.~~

Mandatory Regulatory Procedures:

N/A

Legal References:

~~Pa. School Code §777, 801, 1338~~

1. **P.S. § 8-801.** Purchases; use in schools; rules and regulations
2. **Policy 717.1.** Computers and Portable Computing Devices
3. **24 P.S. § 7-777.** Defacing, injuring or destroying property used for school purposes; penalty
4. **Policy 218.** Code of Student Code

Administrative Procedures: