

PELHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY

ECAC – VANDALISM

Category: Optional

Vandalism is defined as the willful damaging, destruction or defacing of school-owned property. This definition also applies to any deliberate tampering with or misuse of district computer network services or equipment. It shall also include the willful damaging, destruction or defacing of property used by the District in conjunction with related services such as school buses, on field trips, and other school-sponsored events that may occur off-campus.

The Building Principal is authorized to report such acts of vandalism to local law enforcement authorities. Additionally, the District may seek financial reimbursement from either the student(s) or the students' parent/legal guardians for such damage caused.

If the vandalism is caused by someone other than a student of the District, the District may proceed with all legal remedies available to it under the law, including criminal prosecution. When vandalism is discovered, administration is directed to take such steps as are necessary to identify the vandals.

Every citizen of the District, students, and members of the police department are urged by the Board to cooperate in reporting any incidents of vandalism to property belonging to the District and the name(s) of the person or persons believed to be responsible. Each employee of the District shall report to the Principal of the school every incident of vandalism known to him or her, and, if known, the names of those responsible.

District Policy History:

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