

Vandalism and Graffiti

BP #####

The [District] is committed to creating a school environment where students are respectful of school property and each other. The principal or designee shall investigate any vandalism or graffiti on the school campus, particularly when the incident implicates the [District]’s sexual harassment, hate-motivated behavior, or nondiscrimination grievance procedures.

Generally, the principal or designee shall address vandalism with school-based discipline, applying restorative justice approaches and positive behavior intervention and support where all parties involved come together, identify the harm that was caused, and develop an agreement on how to restore harmony.

The [District] administrators or staff shall not call law enforcement to respond to an incident involving vandalism unless the incident carries real and immediate physical threat to student, staff, or public safety. The principal or designee should conduct an investigation prior to making a decision to request the involvement of law enforcement officers. The school investigation should include interviewing the student suspect and other witnesses to determine whether law enforcement involvement is critical, pursuant to the standards set forth in BP ##### - Student Contact with Law Enforcement and Student Questioning and Apprehension.

A student who commits an act of vandalism or graffiti on school grounds may be subject to disciplinary action. Alternative means of correction, such as restorative justice, teen court, or counseling, shall be imposed to address vandalism and graffiti in [District] schools and fail before imposing exclusionary discipline such as suspension or expulsion.

Photographs or other evidence of the vandalism or graffiti shall be preserved as necessary for investigation by the district and as evidence in any district disciplinary proceedings.

The principal or designee shall ensure that graffiti on school grounds is removed and covered as soon as possible, and if practicable before the beginning of the next school day.

Policy
Adopted:
Revised:

[DISTRICT]
[LOCATION]