

731.1 VANDALISM

Vandalism - causing or attempting to cause damage to, stealing or attempting to steal school property or another person's property.

The Williams Bay School District views vandalism by students as reprehensible. The students shall be held accountable for damage caused by improper or inappropriate conduct. The district shall pursue full reimbursement from students and, where appropriate, parents for damage caused by the willful and/or reckless conduct of students

Parents of minor students shall be contacted as soon as possible after the officials are aware that damage has occurred. The school district will notify the student and the student's parent by sending a written description of the damage, the conduct that caused the damage, an estimate of the replacement or repair cost and a request for reimbursement. If possible, the notice will be sent within 48 hours after discovery of the damage. Notices shall be sent by certified mail with return receipt requested. Any parent or guardian having custody or control of a minor who commits an act of vandalism may be held liable for up to (\$20,000) for the act.

If the district does not receive a response within the specified time frame or there is a refusal to reimburse the district for noticed damages, the district may file a civil claim for damages against the student and, where appropriate, the parent.

Disciplinary measures include, but are not limited to:

- Detention
- Disciplinary conference
- Withholding of privileges
- Seizure of contraband
- Suspension from school and all school activities for up to 5 days.
- Suspension from bus riding privileges
- Expulsion from school and all school sponsored activities
- Notification of authorities

Nothing in this policy shall preclude the district from notifying the legal authorities if warranted or enforcing existing disciplinary policy and procedures.

The Board urges all students, citizens, and members of the police department to report any incidents of vandalism of school property and the name(s) of the person(s) believed to be responsible. All employees of the district are expected to report to the principal of the affected school incidents of vandalism and, if known, the name(s) of those responsible.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Wisconsin Statutes Sections 120.13 (1)(b)(c), 120.13 (8), 895.035, 943.01, 943.02

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