VANDALISM <u>FILE:</u> <u>ECAC</u>

**TITLE:** Breaking and Entering or Vandalism

## POLICY:

Where breaking and entering or vandalism occurs to school property outside of school hours or by persons not subject to jurisdiction of the school, the principal shall report the matter immediately upon discovery to Risk Management (using Prop 5 form) and to the district's Security Control Center at (407) 317-3333

- (1) When students willfully damage school property, they shall be properly disciplined and the parents or guardian shall be requested in writing to restore or replace such damaged or destroyed property in accordance with the Asset Recovery Operating Procedures. In extreme cases of vandalism, a student shall be subject to suspension or dismissal from school under the charge of serious misconduct. Each school shall formulate local school rules to properly deal with the abuse of school property by students. An adult student involved in the destruction of school property shall be held solely responsible for any damages.
- (2) Where vandalism or theft of school property is known to have been committed by a minor and the parents or guardian refuse to restore or replace the property, a civil action against the parents or guardian may be instituted by the school board to recover damages in an amount not to exceed the limit prescribed by law.
- (3) In any case of willful or negligent damage to school property by a person other than a student, the user or person responsible for the damage shall be responsible for the replacement of the property or for payment of the damages in accordance with the Asset Recovery Operating Procedures.
- (4) Each organization which is granted permission for the use of public property shall be responsible for any undue damage to the buildings, equipment or grounds and shall pay for any such damage. Failure to comply with a request for payment of such assessed damage shall result in the individual, group or organization being ineligible for further use of school property and such legal action as the school board deems proper to recover the amount of damages.
- (5) Any organization using OCPS facilities must provide proof of General Liability insurance that is at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 general aggregate. OCPS must be added as the additional insured.

**LAWS IMPLEMENTED:** Sections 1001.42; 741.24; 806.13, Florida Statutes

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