

Document Status: Review and Monitoring

STUDENTS

7:170 Vandalism

Basic to the philosophy of the Board of Education is a respect for the rights of others. Students are urged to exercise this respect in regard to the belongings of others, including District property. Each student should realize that vandalism to District property is costly to repair. [PRESSPlus1](#)

In accordance with the law, students who cause damage to District property shall be subject to disciplinary measures, and their parents shall be financially liable for such damage to the extent of the law except that students over eighteen (18) years of age shall also be liable for damage they cause.

The Board authorizes the imposition of fines for the loss, damage, or destruction of District equipment, apparatus, musical instruments, library materials, textbooks, and for damage to District buildings.

The Superintendent or designee may report to the appropriate authorities any student whose damage of District property has been serious or chronic in nature.

Reasonable attempts to notify the student's parent or guardian will be made prior to notification to law enforcement authorities.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop administrative guidelines to implement this policy.

LEGAL REF.:

[740 ILCS 115/](#).

CROSS REF.: 7:130 (Student Rights and Responsibilities), 7:190 (Student Behavior)

PRESSPlus Comments

[PRESSPlus 1](#). This policy is suggested to be reviewed by the Board. According to policy 2:240, *Board Policy Development*, "[t]he Board will periodically review its policies for relevancy, monitor its policies for effectiveness, and consider whether any

modifications are required." IASB suggests that each policy in the Board's policy manual be reviewed at a minimum of every five years. As part of the review, the Board may choose to:

- Compare the adopted version to the current PRESS sample (available at PRESS Online by logging in at www.iasb.com), discussing any differences and/or options noted in the footnotes to determine whether local changes are necessary
- Update the policy language due to changes in local conditions
- Make no changes, but update the adoption date to reflect that the policy has been reviewed and re-adopted

Issue 115, June 2024