

VANDALISM BY STUDENTS

Background

Safe, secure and caring schools are those in which Division and personal property are treated with care and respect. School officials must strive to respond to acts of vandalism with appropriate consequences. Accordingly, prevention programs and vandalism cost-recovery programs are in the best educational interests of students.

The Division supports the development and implementation of programs and consequences designed to reduce or prevent vandalism.

Procedures

1. Principals are encouraged to develop and implement vandalism prevention programs in each school.
2. Student disciplinary measures (including suspension and expulsion) may be invoked when a student is found to be responsible for damages. In some circumstances, the Division may prosecute and/or take legal action.
3. Students, parents or guardians are jointly and severally liable for damages caused by students and may be required to make restitution.
4. The Principal is responsible for conducting investigations, reporting to the RCMP, determining the liability of students, obtaining estimates of the cost of damage, filing reports and ensuring that necessary restitution has been made.

Reference: Section 257, *Education Act*
Section 430, 434, *Criminal Code*