

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF
PHILADELPHIA

No. 224

Section: PUPILS

Title: Student Care of
School Property

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224 STUDENT CARE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY

Purpose

The Board of Education (“Board”) believes that schools should help students learn to respect property and develop feelings of pride in community institutions. The Board also recognizes the relationship between effective use of property and School District financial solvency.

Definitions

The following words and phrases, when used in this policy, shall have the meaning given to them in this section:

School Property - includes, but is not limited to, any building, structure, athletic playing field, playground or land contained within the real property boundary line of the school in addition to textbooks, computers, supplies or any other items that students are permitted to use that are owned by the school.

Authority

The Board charges each student with responsibility for the proper care of school property, including textbooks, supplies, and equipment entrusted to the student’s use. [1]

Delegation of Responsibility

Students are responsible for the care, maintenance and timely return of all school property. Students should be encouraged to respect school property. Schools shall require students and parent/guardians to acknowledge in writing their responsibility for the care and prompt return of any school property lent to them by the school.

Loss or damage to computers and portable computing devices must be reported and documented in accordance with Board policy 717.1 Computers and Portable Computing devices. [2]

Students and/or their parents/guardians may be assessed consequences for lost or damaged school property. Imposition of one or more of the following consequences is permitted:- repayment of the cost for replacement of the property; requiring the student to perform a prescribed number of hours of school service; and/or loss of privileges such as participation in sports or other extra-curricular activities, proms and other special events or graduation-related activities, if these potential consequences are expressly written in the school handbook.

Students who damage or deface school property may be subject to disciplinary measures. Parents/guardians of students shall be held accountable for student actions. The Superintendent, or designee may report to the appropriate authorities any student whose damage of school property has been serious or chronic in nature and the student may be prosecuted and punished under the law. [1][3][4]

Legal References:

1. [P.S. § 8-801](#). Purchases; use in schools; rules and regulations
2. [Policy 717.1](#). Computers and Portable Computing Devices
3. [24 P.S. § 7-777](#). Defacing, injuring or destroying property used for school purposes; penalty
4. [Policy 218](#). Code of Student Code