

Business and Noninstructional Operations

RECOVERY FOR PROPERTY LOSS OR DAMAGE

The Board of Education shall seek reimbursement of damages from any individual or from the parents/guardians of any minor who commits any act of theft or vandalism.

(cf. 5131.5 – Vandalism)

(cf. 5136 – Gangs)

(cf. 5144.1 – Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

The parent/guardian of a minor who commits an act of theft or vandalism may be held liable for damages and rewards in accordance with law. (Education Code 48904)

If the Superintendent or designee or law enforcement officials are unable to fix responsibility for the theft or vandalism, the Board may direct the Superintendent or designee to offer a reward in any amount it deems appropriate for information leading to the identification and apprehension of the guilty party.

A reward shall be paid only when criminal conviction or other appropriate judicial procedures have established the guilt of the person(s) responsible for the crime.

Legal References:

EDUCATION CODE

19910 Libraries, malicious cutting, tearing, defacing, breaking, or injuring

19911 Libraries, willful detention of property

44810 Willful interference with classroom conduct

48904 Liability of parent or guardian for willful misconduct; withholding of grades, diplomas, and transcripts

CIVIL CODE

1714.1 Liability of parent or guardian for act of willful misconduct by a minor

GOVERNMENT CODE

53069.5 Reward for information concerning person causing death, injury, or property damage; liability for reward

53069.6 Actions to recover damages

54951 Local agency, definition

61601.1 Graffiti abatement district

PENAL CODE

484 Theft defined

594 Vandalism

594.1 Aerosol paint and etching cream

640.5 Graffiti; facilities or vehicles of governmental entity

640.6 Graffiti