

**BUSINESS AND NONINSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS**

**Recovery For Property Loss Or Damage**

The Inyo County Board of Education shall seek reimbursement of damages and rewards from any individual or from the custodial parent/guardian of any minor who commits any act of theft or vandalism. (cf. 4156.3/4256.3/4356.3 - Employee Property Reimbursement)  
(cf. 4158/4258/4358 - Employee Security)  
(cf. 5131.5 - Vandalism, Theft and Graffiti)  
(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

**Rewards**

If law enforcement officials are unable to fix responsibility for the theft or vandalism, the Superintendent or designee is authorized to offer a reward in any amount he/she deems appropriate, not exceeding \$2,500, for information leading to the identification and apprehension of the guilty party. A reward in excess of \$2,500 must be authorized in advance by the Board.

A reward shall be paid only when the guilt of the person responsible for the crime has been established by a criminal conviction or other appropriate judicial procedures.

**Legal Reference:**

**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

**BOARD POLICY:**

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**Reports**

County Office employees shall report all damage or loss of school property to the principal or designee immediately after such damage or loss is discovered. In those instances in which insurance reimbursement may be involved, the principal or designee shall contact the Deputy Superintendent.

(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance) (cf. 5131.5 - Vandalism, Theft and Graffiti)

**Investigation**

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that a complete investigation is conducted at the site where the vandalism occurred.

The principal or designee shall conduct a complete investigation of any instance of damage or loss of school property. The investigation shall be carried out in cooperation with law enforcement officials when appropriate.

**Recovery of Damages**

When the person causing the damage or loss has been identified and the costs of repair, replacement or cleanup determined, the Superintendent or designee shall take all practical and reasonable steps to recover these costs, including consulting district's legal counsel if necessary. Reasonable steps may include the filing of a civil complaint in a court of competent jurisdiction to recover damages from the responsible person.

If the responsible person is a minor, recovery may be sought from the minor's custodial parent/guardian in accordance with Education Code 48904.

Damages may include the cost of repair or replacement of the property, the payment of any reward, interest, court costs and all other damages as provided by law.

**Payment of Reward**

When authorized according to Governing Board policy, the reward shall be paid to the party who provides information sufficient to identify and apprehend the person or persons subsequently found responsible for the damage or loss. If more than one informant provides information, the reward shall be divided among the informants. The Superintendent or designee shall determine who is entitled to what portion of the reward. The identity of the informant shall be considered confidential and shall not be made public by the county office.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION:**

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