

Policy 3515.4: Recovery For Property Loss Or Damage

~~The Board of Education shall seek reimbursement of damages and rewards from any individual or~~ Governing Board desires to create a safe and secure learning environment and to minimize acts of vandalism and damage to school property. When district property is damaged due to the willful misconduct of a student or other person, the Superintendent or designee **may shall** seek reimbursement of damages, within the limitations specified in law, from the ~~custodial-~~ parent/guardian of ~~any minor who commits any act of theft or vandalism.~~¶

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Rewards¶

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

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~~A reward shall be paid only~~ a minor child or from any other responsible individual.

The district may collect debt owed by a student or former student as a result of vandalism or to cover the replacement cost of district books, supplies, or property loaned to a student that the student fails to return or that is willfully cut, defaced, or otherwise injured. However, the Superintendent or designee shall not collect debt for such damage caused by a current or former student experiencing homelessness or foster child or youth. (Education Code 48904, 49014)

Rewards

The **Governing** Board may offer and pay a reward for information leading to the determination of the identity of, and the apprehension of, any person who willfully damages or destroys any district property. (Government Code 53069.5)

OPTION 1: (Authorization for Superintendent or designee to offer reward of specified amount)

The **Governing** Board authorizes the Superintendent or designee to offer a reward in any amount deemed appropriate, not exceeding \$2,500. A reward in excess of \$2,500 shall be authorized in advance by the Board.

OPTION 1 ENDS HERE

OPTION 2: (Board determination of amount of reward)

~~The Governing Board shall determine the appropriate amount for the reward.~~

OPTION 2 ENDS HERE

The Superintendent or designee shall disburse the reward when the guilt of the person responsible for the ~~crime~~act has been established by a criminal conviction or other appropriate judicial ~~procedures.~~¶
procedure. If more than one person provides information, the reward shall be divided among them as appropriate.