

Riverside County Office of Education
Board Policy 3515.4 Recovery for Property Loss or Damage

BUSINESS AND GENERAL SUPPORT SERVICES

SUBJECT: Recovery for Property Loss or Damage

The County Superintendent of Schools shall seek reimbursement of damages and rewards, within the limitations specified in law, from any individual or from the custodial parent/guardian of any minor who commits any act of theft or vandalism.

The County Superintendent of Schools may collect debt owed by a student or former student as a result of vandalism or to cover the replacement cost of County Office of Education books, supplies, or property loaned to a student that the student willfully fails to return or that is willfully cut, defaced, or otherwise injured. However, this policy shall not apply to a student who is a current or former homeless or foster child or youth. (Education Code 48904, 49014)

(cf. 5125.2 - Withholding Grades, Diploma or Transcripts)

(cf. 5131.5 - Vandalism, Theft and Graffiti)

(cf. 5136 - Gangs)

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

(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)

(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)

Rewards

The County Superintendent of Schools 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 county property. (Government Code 53069.5)

The County Superintendent of Schools shall determine the appropriate amount for the reward.

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

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

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53069.6 Actions to recover damages

54951 Local agency, definition

61601.1 Graffiti abatement district

PENAL CODE

484 Theft defined

594 Vandalism

640.5 Graffiti; facilities or vehicles of governmental entity

640.6 Graffiti