SUPPORT SERVICES

Vandalism

The Prince William County School Board (PWCSB) shall require that the principal or supervisor report to their immediate supervisor the facts of any crime, offense, loss, or other unusual situation which occurs under the principal’s or supervisor’s control.

The PWCSB shall hold any person, parent, or student responsible for damage to, or destruction of, property of any kind, including but not limited to books, supplies, equipment, buildings, and grounds as follows:

1. Students: For breakage or damage to property as the result of negligence, willful, or malicious destruction.

2. Parents: For the willful or malicious destruction or damage to public property by any minor as provided for by Virginia Code § 8.01-43.

The Prince William County Public Schools (PWCS) administration shall seek to collect restitution for the fair amount of the loss due to negligent breakage or damage, and/or shall take appropriate disciplinary action with respect to the pupil whose negligence or willful conduct resulted in the breakage or damage.

The PWCS administration shall seek restitution from any person convicted of a crime in violation of any provision of Title 18.2 which results in property damage or loss, as provided for by Virginia Code § 19.2-305.1.

In appropriate cases where the best interests of the community would be served, the Superintendent of Schools may waive prosecution for willful or malicious damage or destruction and accept restitution from the parents of the minor responsible for the damage or destruction. In such cases, the Superintendent of Schools may accept restitution in the form of labor or services performed by the minor, in lieu of monetary reimbursement.

The Associate Superintendent for Finance and Support Services (or designee) is responsible for implementing and monitoring this policy.

This policy and any related regulations shall be reviewed at least every five years and revised as needed.

Legal References: Virginia Code §§ 8.01-43 and 19.2-305.1

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