Restitution for Vandalism

I. Policy Statement

The Board of Education of Baltimore County (Board) has a duty to care, control and manage Board property. A student who vandalizes Board property will be responsible for the cost of repair and/or replacement of the vandalized Board property.

II. Definitions

A. Board Property – Any Board-owned, controlled or leased property, including but not limited to buildings, grounds, fixtures, equipment and vehicles.

B. Vandalism – Any willful or unlawful act that damages, destroys, injures, defaces or substantially decreases the value of Board property.

III. Standards

A. A Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS) student who vandalizes Board property will be disciplined in accordance with the Student Behavior Code.

B. In accordance with Board Policy 5560, as part of the disciplinary action, the student or the student’s parent or guardian, shall be required to make restitution to the school system for the cost of repair and/or replacement of the vandalized Board property.

II. Implementation

The Board directs the Superintendent to implement this policy.

Legal References: Annotated Code of Maryland, Criminal Law Article §6-301, Malicious Destruction – Generally Annotated Code of Maryland, Criminal Law Article §10-305, Damage to Associated Building Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article §7-305, Suspension and Expulsion COMAR 13A.08.01.11(D), Disciplinary Action
Related Policies:
Board of Education Policy 3150, *Board Insurance Program*
Board of Education Policy 5550, *Disruptive Behavior*
Board of Education Policy 5560, *Suspensions, Assignment to Alternative Education Programs or Expulsions*

Policy

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