
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 36 (SURREY)

No. 6520

POLICY: TRESPASS, DISRUPTIVE ACTIVITIES, THEFT, DAMAGE OR VANDALISM

Our school system's buildings and grounds are built and maintained with taxes levied on our community's taxpayers; all uncollected damages caused by vandals must be paid for in the same way. For that reason, the Board urges every citizen, staff member, student, and law enforcement officer to cooperate in reporting any incident of vandalism and the name(s) of the person(s) believed to be responsible. The resources of our entire community are needed to combat the problem of vandalism against public property.

1. GENERAL

The Board desires that staff, students and the public take all possible steps to reduce and, insofar as possible, eliminate trespass, disruptive activities, vandalism and other damage to school district property. To this end, a program of prevention, education and control activities is to be operated.

Employees of the school district, authorized agents of the Board, and the RCMP are authorized to lay charges, as may be appropriate, should an instance of trespass, disruptive activity, theft, damage, vandalism, or violations of School District No. 36 (Surrey) *School Property Protection and Prohibition-Of-Use Bylaw No. 1* occur.

2. PREVENTION

Where practicable, vandal-proof materials, fixtures and equipment are to be utilized, and intruder detection devices (including motion detectors, video cameras, etc.) and exterior lighting will be installed.

Vehicle access to sites will be restricted after school hours and on weekends and holidays.

In construction of new facilities, design will, whenever practical, meet standards as such to minimize potential vandalism.

Personnel are expected to promote responsible citizenship and to take such actions as are appropriate to discourage vandalism.

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3. EDUCATION

Principals and staff will promote an awareness of vandalism costs and prevention measures throughout the community as a whole and to school users and students. These measures should include:

- Implementing and reviewing appropriate curriculum materials and studies;
- Encouraging anti-vandalism activities;
- Promoting pride in school facilities.

4. CONTROL

Principals are authorized to encourage neighbourhood programs designed to discourage and report inappropriate activities on school properties. The Board will provide suitable recognition to students, staff members, or other persons who report and thereby prevent the commission of an inappropriate activity or cause the apprehension of persons who have committed any such act.

The Board recognizes the authority of Principals, pursuant to the *School Act*, to deal with student vandals as appropriate and as may be dictated by individual circumstances.

The Board believes that any person found to have committed an act of vandalism against school district property should be obliged to make restitution.

5. REPORTING

In order to monitor the extent and characteristics of vandalism for the purpose of refining preventative measures:

- The fact that the damage was caused by vandalism is to be noted on repair requests; and

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- Major incidents of vandalism, for which there may be insurance coverage, are to be reported as required by Board Policy #5815 - *Risk Management – Incident Reports*.

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