

# Santa Barbara Unified School District

## Board Policy

### Business and Non-Instructional Operations

BP 3515.4

#### RECOVERY FOR PROPERTY LOSS OR DAMAGE

The Governing Board desires to create a safe and secure learning environment and to minimize acts of vandalism and damage to school property. To discourage such acts, the district shall seek reimbursement of damages, within the limitations specified in law, from any individual, or from the parent/guardian of any minor, who has committed theft or has willfully damaged district or employee property.

*(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)*  
*(cf. 3515 - Campus Security)*  
*(cf. 4156.3/4256.3/4356.3 - Employee Property Reimbursement)*  
*(cf. 4158/4258/4358 - Employee Security)*  
*(cf. 5125.2 - Withholding Grades, Diploma or Transcripts)*  
*(cf. 5131 - Conduct)*  
*(cf. 5131.5 - Vandalism and Graffiti)*  
*(cf. 5136 - Gangs)*  
*(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)*

#### Rewards

When district or law enforcement officials have not been able to identify the person(s) responsible for the theft or vandalism of district property, the Board may authorize a reward for the identification and apprehension of the responsible person(s).

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

The Superintendent or designee 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.

#### 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/guardian for willful misconduct*

##### 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*  
53069.6 *Actions to recover damages*  
54951 *Local agency, definition*

##### PENAL CODE

484 *Theft defined*  
594 *Vandalism*  
594.1 *Aerosol paint and etching cream*  
640.5 *Graffiti; facilities or vehicles of governmental entity*  
640.6 *Graffiti*

*Management Resources:*

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

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