5513  CARE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY

The Board charges each pupil student enrolled in this district with responsibility for the proper care of school property and the school supplies and equipment entrusted to the pupil’s student’s his or her use.

Pupils Students who cause damage to school property will be subject to disciplinary measures. The Board authorizes the imposition of a fine for the loss, damage, or defacement of a textbook, or other educational materials, equipment, buildings or facilities, or any other property belonging to the district.

The Board reserves the right to take action if a pupil fails to pay a fine, fails to make arrangements to pay, or fails to dispute a fine. The Board’s action may include, but not be limited to, withholding a report card or diploma from any pupil student who has not paid a fine, not made arrangements to pay, or not challenged the fine, so payment of a fine is in arrears. Withholding of a report card or diploma will not be permitted for Library late fees or unpaid Cafeteria accounts.

The Superintendent shall develop regulations for the implementation of this Policy. The regulations will include the safekeeping and accounting of textbooks, and other educational materials or equipment distributed to students, and prepare a schedule of fines for their loss and damage. Damage to facilities and equipment shall be assessed on a case-by-case basis. The regulations will also include procedures so that pupils students and parent(s)/guardian(s) have: (1) notice of the fines, including the amount of each and the reason for the fine; (2) a mechanism for challenging the fine upon presentation of evidence that the fine was improperly imposed or has been paid; and (3) the ability to request a waiver of the fine due to financial hardship.

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