

## **Fresno Unified Administrative Regulations (AR) 5131.5 Vandalism/Graffiti**

The following guidelines are established in dealing with acts of vandalism or graffiti:

1. The principal and/or designee may suspend all identified students who have vandalized or graffitied school property. Particularly serious or costly vandalism may merit consideration for expulsion.
2. The principal will ask the parent/guardian for a parental conference at the school as soon as possible. Whenever possible, the parent/guardian shall be shown the damage done. Restitution procedures will be described, and parental responsibility defined.
3. When an act of vandalism involves a student in attendance at another school, the principal of the school involved should contact the principal of the student's school of attendance to initiate procedure.
4. The principal of the school involved may contact the police so that an investigation may be conducted. Police contact is of value to the district in that:
  - a. The parent/guardian becomes aware of the seriousness of incident.
  - b. A police record of the incident for possible criminal prosecution is established.
  - c. Parental responsibility is emphasized.
  - d. A basis is established to allow the district to pursue restitution through legal means.
5. The principal or designee may determine that the parent/guardian and student are unable to pay for damages. If it is determined that they are unable to pay, the principal or designee shall propose a program of voluntary work for the minor in lieu of the payment of monetary damages. Upon completion of the voluntary work, the grades, diploma and transcripts of the pupil shall be released. (Education Code 48904)
6. Students shall not possess implements identified by law enforcement to deface property, including but limited to spray paint and permanent marking pens outside of a supervised classroom or instructional activity, on school grounds or buses, or at any school-related or school-sponsored activity away from school.
7. The liability of a parent or guardian shall not exceed the maximum amount allowed by law for each separate incident of vandalism. The parent or guardian shall also be liable for the amount of any reward not to exceed the maximum amount allowed by law.
8. Each school principal or designee shall document acts of vandalism or graffiti.

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