

Dickson County Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in April	Descriptor Term: <h2 style="text-align: center;">Care of School Property</h2>	Descriptor Code: <h3 style="text-align: center;">6.311</h3>	Issued Date: <h3 style="text-align: center;">07/28/16</h3>
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- 1 Students shall help maintain the school environment, preserve school property and exercise care while using
- 2 school facilities.

- 3 All employees shall report all damage or loss of school property to the principal/designee immediately after such
- 4 damage or loss is discovered. The principal/designee shall make a full and complete investigation of any
- 5 instance of damage or loss of school property. The investigation shall be carried out in cooperation with law
- 6 enforcement officials when appropriate.

- 7 School property is defined as buildings, buses, books, equipment, records, instructional materials or any other
- 8 item under the jurisdiction of the Board.

- 9 When the person causing damage or loss has been identified and the cost of repair or replacement have been
- 10 determined, the principal shall take steps to recover these costs, and shall seek appropriate disciplinary action, if
- 11 necessary. Should the cost exceed \$500.00, the principal shall obtain final approval from the Director of
- 12 Schools as to the appropriate disciplinary action. This may include the filing of a complaint in court to recover
- 13 damages. If the responsible person is a minor, recovery will be sought from the minor’s parent or guardian.

- 14 In addition, the district may withhold grades, diploma, and/or transcript of the student responsible for vandalism
- 15 or theft or otherwise incurring any debt to a school until the student or the student’s parent/guardian has paid for
- 16 the damages. (TCA 37-10-101 through 103). When the minor and parent are unable to pay for the damages, the
- 17 administration shall provide a program of voluntary work for the minor. Upon completion of the work, the
- 18 student’s grade, diploma, and/or transcripts shall be released. Such sanctions shall not be imposed if the student
- 19 is not at fault.

Legal References

1. TCA 49-6-3104; TCA 49-6-3105;
TRR/MS 0520-01-03-.03(11)(f)—(i)
2. TCA 49-6-3003; TCA 49-6-403(f)
3. TCA 49-6-3108
4. TCA 49-6-3113; TCA 49-6-3103