

POLICY

Board of Education Bernards Township

File Code: 9260

PARENTAL LIABILITY FOR VANDALISM

The school property held in trust by this Board of Education represents a substantial investment of the taxpayers of our school District. Liability for the destruction of that property should be borne by those directly or indirectly responsible and should not be borne by the taxpayers.

The Board further believes that parents and guardians are ultimately responsible for the supervision and discipline of pupils and that the knowledge that they are financially liable for the acts of their children and wards will encourage parents and guardians to exercise that responsibility.

Where any property, real or personal, owned by this Board has been damaged by any minor, whether or not the person is enrolled in our District, the Board shall demand payment by guardian or emancipated child. If payment is not made, the Board shall bring civil action against the parent or guardian having legal custody and control of the person at the time the damage was caused, for the full amount of the damage.

LEGAL: N.J.S.A. 18A:37-3

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