

**DAMAGE TO SCHOOL
PROPERTY/VANDALISM**

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The Orange County Board of Education may sue the parents of children who carelessly or willfully damage the property of the Orange County Schools. This action is in line with G.S. 115-149 as follows:

“If any child in school shall carelessly or willfully damage school property, the teacher or principal shall report the damage to the parent and if the parent refuses to pay the cost of repairing the same, the teacher or principal shall report the offense to the Superintendent of the schools.”

Upon receiving a report of such vandalism and the refusal of parents and/or guardians to pay for the damage, the Superintendent of Schools will take whatever steps necessary to secure adequate payment for the restoration of the school property. Payments received for damage to school property/vandalism shall be credited to the Maintenance Department Local Funds from which repairs were made, with the exception of school buses. Payment for damages to school buses shall be credited to the Transportation Department Local Funds from which repairs were made.

Every citizen of the district, students, and members of the police department are urged by the Board to cooperate in reporting any incidents of vandalism to property belonging to the district and the name(s) of the person or persons believed to be responsible. Each employee of the district shall report to the principal of the school every incident of vandalism known to him or her, and, if known, the names of those responsible. The Board may offer a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of vandals.

The Superintendent is authorized to sign a criminal complaint and to press the charges against perpetrators of vandalism against school property, and is further authorized to delegate, as he/she sees fit, authority to sign such complaints and to press charges.

Legal Reference: G.S. 115-133.2