## **Mendocino Unified School District**

**Board Policy 5131.5** 

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## **Students**

## Vandalism and Graffiti

To insure a safe and secure environment, the Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies for preventing graffiti and vandalism on school grounds, including and will collaborate with local law enforcement and city and county officials, as appropriate, to help develop a coordinated response to graffiti and vandalism in the community.

The principal or designee may contact local law enforcement in instances when the graffiti is repetitive, identifies particular targets or groups, identifies the perpetrator, and/or contains incitements to violence, threats, or intimidation. Photographs or other evidence of the vandalism or graffiti should be collected and protected.

A student who commits an act of vandalism or graffiti on school grounds shall be subject to disciplinary action, including, but not limited to, suspension or expulsion in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation. If some form of reparation for damages is not made, the district also may withhold the student's grades, diploma, and/or transcripts in accordance with law upon notice to the parents.

## Legal Reference:

**EDUCATION CODE** 

48900 Grounds for suspension or expulsion

48904 Willful misconduct, limit of liability of parent or guardian

48904.3 Withholding grades, diplomas, or transcripts of pupils causing property damage or injury

CIVIL CODE

51.7 Right to be free from violence

52.1 Discrimination liability

1714.1 Liability of parent or guardian for act of willful misconduct by a minor

**GOVERNMENT CODE** 

53069.5 Reward for information

PENAL CODE

594 Vandalism

594.1 Aerosol containers of paint

594.2 Intent to commit vandalism or graffiti

594.6 Vandalism or graffiti, community service

640.5 Graffiti; facilities or vehicles of governmental entity

640.6 Graffiti

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

305 Student responsible for care of property