

## **Vandalism of Buses**

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### **I. General Policy Statement**

Vandalism to school buses is very costly to the school system. To help curb this serious and expensive problem and limit safety risks, the following regulations are adopted.

### **II. Regulations**

- A. Misuse or abuse by the driver is considered vandalism and the driver will be held accountable as indicated in School Board Policy P-16, Dismissing a Bus Driver.
- B. It is the driver's responsibility to obtain the names of students committing acts of vandalism and report them to the principal. Passengers who damage a bus will be required to pay for the damage. In addition, students may be subject to further disciplinary action such as seat assignment, suspension from the bus or other measures.
- C. The principal shall make every effort to apprehend anyone who has stolen from or damaged a bus in any way. Buses shall be parked in well-lighted parking areas. When drivers are instructed to park buses at their homes, the buses are to be parked in areas that are visible. Drivers shall notify the principal and the bus garage as soon as any act of vandalism is discovered. The police or sheriff's department shall be notified regarding every case of serious vandalism.
- D. The principal or designee may use camera recordings as supportive evidence of vandalism.

**Legal References: G.S. 115C-242, -244, -245, -248**