



Georgia Department of Education

Policies and Procedures

Policy Title:	Theft and Vandalism, State Schools		
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Purpose

To provide guidance to the administration of the three State Schools in regard to seeking replacement of school property because of theft or vandalism.

Applicability

This policy applies students and staff at the Atlanta Area School for the Deaf, the Georgia Academy for the Blind, and the Georgia School for the Deaf.

Policy

STUDENTS

Students who vandalize any school property shall pay in full for damages or satisfactory repairs. Failure to make such payments within a reasonable, specific period of time shall render them liable to appropriate disciplinary measures.

Vandalism is considered to be willful or malicious damage, destruction, or defacing real or personal property belonging to the school or individual.

Students who steal school property shall either return or replace the stolen item. Failure to do so within a reasonable, specific period of time shall render the student liable to additional appropriate disciplinary measures.

Students may be subject to legal action based on the circumstances involving the theft and/or vandalism.

Principals shall report any instance of student theft and/or vandalism in which local law authorities have been contacted to the Division of State Schools immediately.

EMPLOYEES

It is the responsibility of the principal of any employee disciplined for theft to ensure the recovery of any stolen assets with the assistance of Georgia Department of Education staff, including the swearing out of a warrant and prosecution as necessary.